



SC Midlands First Responders & Military Night of Remembrance

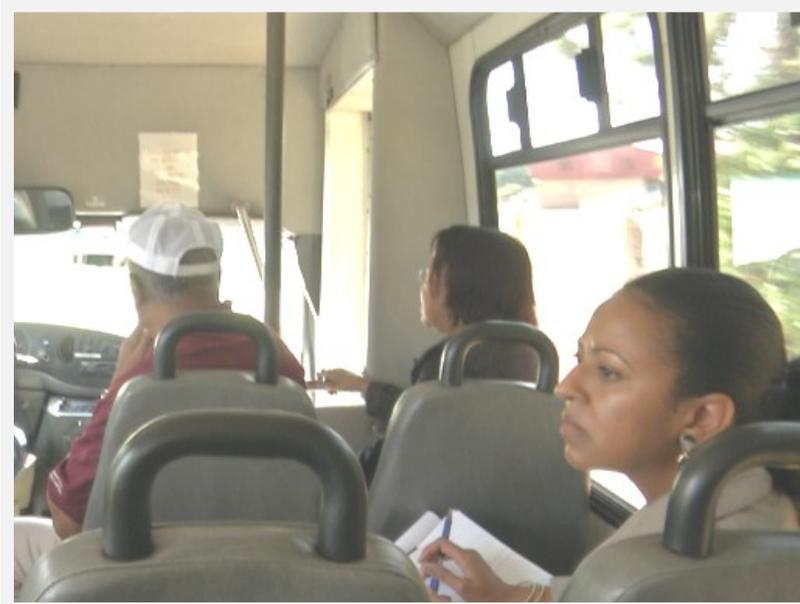


Youth Winter Basketball Registration



Park of the Week: Woodland Park

# City Connection



## CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON KICKS OFF NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

City Manager Teresa Wilson is kicking off the City's Neighborhood Improvement Plan for identified neighborhoods/communities that are experiencing an increased volume of calls for quality of life issues. Effective July 1, 2014, the Code Enforcement Division's operations were moved under the Columbia Police Department as a part of the City Manager's new organizational structure. Columbia Police Chief William "Skip" Holbrook presented the plan to City Council on August 5 and City Manager Wilson followed up by touring neighborhoods and communities with CPD officers and community leaders to see first-hand what needed to be done to improve those specific areas. This plan will be a combined effort between the Columbia Police Department, Code Enforcement and Zoning to concentrate in identified neighborhoods for 30-60 days.



# City Talk

**Tune in to City Talk today on WGCV 620 AM  
from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. to hear:**



**5:00 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.**

**Guest:** Marli Drum, Superintendent,  
Columbia Animal Services

**Topic:** Petsense Adopt-A-thon

**5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.**

**Guest:** Doris Jones, Certified Navigator, The  
Cooperative Ministry

**Topic:** Financing Your Future Workshops

**5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Guest:** Aubrey Jenkins, Chief, Columbia Fire  
Department

**Topic:** 9/11 Memorial Service

**For more information about today's topics, contact the  
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.**



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# The Week Ahead

## CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES YOUTH WINTER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's Youth Winter Basketball league begins Saturday, September 6. Boys and girls ages 9-17 can participate in the program designed to give youth an opportunity for all to play, to learn new skills and good sportsmanship. The fee to participate is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available.

**The last day to register is October 26.** The Youth Winter Basketball season begins Monday, November 10, 2014. To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's Athletics page online and click the "Youth Sports" link.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or [visit www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).

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## CITY OF COLUMBIA LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WITH T-SHIRT SALES

Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia Police Department Chief Skip Holbrook, Columbia Fire Department Chief Aubrey Jenkins and City staff launched the sale of official City of Columbia Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts. T-shirts are in a limited supply, so it is encouraged to submit order forms as early as possible. The deadline for pre-orders is **Friday, September 12, 2014 at 5 p.m.**

T-Shirts can be purchased in any of the following locations:

- City Hall, 1737 Main Street
- Columbia Police Department Headquarters, 1 Justice Square
- Columbia Fire Department Headquarters, 1800 Laurel Street
- Washington Square, 1136 Washington Street



\*\*All proceeds will go to Bosom Buddies, a 501(c)3 charity that assists women who need mastectomy bras or have other needs after surgery.

## CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON RECOGNIZES FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR CERTIFICATE



City Manager Teresa Wilson recognized the City of Columbia Finance Department's staff today for their efforts in receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting.

The Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the first time since 2005 that the City has received this award.

“It was my honor to recognize and thank our staff for all of their hard work. Their hard work and commitment are to be commended and I could not be more proud of this outstanding achievement,” said City Manager Teresa Wilson. “This has been a collective effort between our city's leaders, management and the Finance Department's team. We will continue to work diligently to sustain our strong foundation and be good stewards of the City of Columbia's finances.”



The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

A formal presentation will be scheduled before City Council once the official plaque arrives from the Government Finance Officers Association.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA MIDLANDS FIRST RESPONDERS & MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE**

South Carolina Midlands First Responders & Military Service Members Night of Remembrance will recognize the families of first responders and military service members who lost their lives in the line of duty and will include a roll call for fallen heroes, various musical performances, a flyover and a memorial wreath presentation Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 4:30 at SC Midlands First Responders & Military Service Members Remembrance Memorial (adjacent to Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street Columbia, SC). Major General Gill Beck, 81st Regional Support Command, Fort Jackson, will deliver the keynote address.



The South Carolina Midlands First Responders & Military Service Members Remembrance Memorial includes a pair of 25 foot granite historic towers and two steel beams from the World Trade Center, crossed to show the country's unity after the attacks on the United States on 9/11/01. The memorial honors the victims of the attack on New York City, both citizens and first responders, who gave their lives in New York that day, along with all the South Carolina Midlands first responders (police, fire, EMS, and military) who have given their lives since that morning on September 11, 2001. All first responders, their families, and the public are invited to attend our 9/11 Evening of Remembrance.

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## **COLUMBIA ANIMAL SERVICES WILL PARTNER WITH PETSENSE FOR 2014 FOREVER HOME ADOPT-A-THON**

Columbia Animal Services and Petsense will partner for the annual Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon featuring games, prizes and many adoptable cats and dogs.

Adoptions will be held at both locations as follows:

- Columbia Animal Shelter (127 Humane Lane) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special adoption rate of \$50)
- Petsense (7402 Garners Ferry Rd.) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



For more information, call 803-776-PETS(7387) or to view adoptable pets, please visit [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.



## PARK OF THE WEEK: WOODLAND PARK

Woodland Park offers a variety of activities for the community to enjoy the outdoors. The park—which is located next to Meadowfield Elementary School—features picnic tables, a community center, playground area, swings, and a baseball/softball diamond. The park's tennis courts are currently under construction.

The playground has been renovated, providing a very neat play structure with lots of different climbing activities for children to enjoy. The playground is located next to the picnic tables, which provide a shady spot for adults to watch their children play or for those who want to enjoy a nice lunch in the park.



**Woodland Park**  
**6500 Olde Knight Parkway**  
**803-776-1096**

Guests can also use the community center, which houses a computer area with Internet access, gymnasium and game room. The community center is open from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 2 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information about the community gardening program, please contact Jacqueline Williams at 803-545-3957 or [jjwilliams@columbiasc.net](mailto:jjwilliams@columbiasc.net).

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## PET OF THE WEEK: MEET SCOUT! (ID#A200760)

Scout is a full-grown Keeshond mix. He is active and playful and needs an active friend/family to take him home. Scout is neutered and microchipped. Need a playmate? Adopt Scout today!

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [www.columbiasc.net/animal-services](http://www.columbiasc.net/animal-services) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

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### PET TIP

Make time to brush your pet weekly, if not daily, depending on your pet's shedding habits. Brushing your pet will allow you to catch most of the unwanted hair before it ends up around your home.

# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

## CHACO FIT FOR ADVENTURE TOUR AT MAST GENERAL STORE

Celebrate Chaco's 25th anniversary. Chaco's going on a road trip this summer promoting the Chaco lifestyle. Try on the latest styles from Chaco, create your own Chaco wristband, and meet the Chaco team. The Chaco trailer will be set up at 4 pm in front of the Mast General Store. It is a fun night of celebration with giveaways, a photo booth and more...How do you Chaco?

**Location: Main Street**

**Times: From: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Phone: 803-771-2300**

**Website: [mastgeneralstore.com/Columbia](http://mastgeneralstore.com/Columbia)**



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**Location: SC Midlands First Responders & Military Service Members Remembrance Memorial (adjacent to Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St.)**

**Times: From: 4:30 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Phone: 803-834-1331**

**Website: [www.scremembers911.com](http://www.scremembers911.com)**



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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

## **NORTH COLUMBIA FOOD PARK**



The North Columbia Food Park is a community farmer's market that aims to provide the citizens of North Columbia and surrounding access to fresh fruits, plants and vegetables. Simply put, it is a "Fun Place to have a Healthy, Good Time!"

**Location: 2720 North Main Street**

**Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Cost: Free Entry (cost of produce vary based on vendor)**

**Website: [foodparkofcolumbia.com](http://foodparkofcolumbia.com)**

**Phone: 803-556-5428**

## **CMA JAZZ ON MAIN**



Nelson Rangell will join the Noel Freidline Trio for an amazing evening of contemporary and straight ahead jazz. Presented by Family Medicine Centers of South Carolina.

**Location: Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Cost: \$35 Non-members I \$28 Members I \$5 Students**

**Phone: 803-799-2810**

**Website: [columbiamuseum.org](http://columbiamuseum.org)**



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

**SODA CITY MARKET**



Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

**Location: Soda City Market, 1500 block of Main Street**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE (Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)**

**Phone: 803-269-3241**

**Website: Sodascitysc.com**

**COLUMBIA MARIONETTE THEATRE PRESENTS "JACK AND THE GIANTS"**

Giants are supposed to be big, mean, and nasty. They eat anyone who crosses their path. But Flinch isn't like other giants. He's constantly picked on by his bigger brothers for being sweet, caring, and... a vegetarian! CMT's fall production is a twist on the classic story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

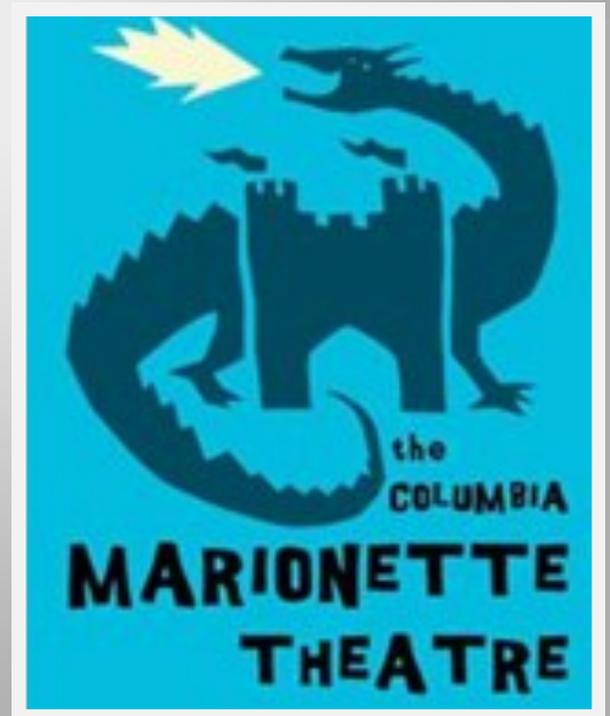
**Location: Columbia Marionette Theatre, 401 Laurel St.**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5.75**

**Phone: 803-252-7366**

**Website: <http://www.cmtpuppet.org/>**



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**SUNDAY , SEPTEMBER 14TH**

## **2014 FOREVER HOME ADOPT-A-THON**



Columbia Animal Services and Petsense will partner for the annual Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon featuring games, prizes and many adoptable cats and dogs.

**Location: Petsense, 7402 Garners Ferry Rd.**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: special adoption rates apply**

**Phone: 803-776-PETS(7387)**

**Website: [www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)**

## **THE NICKELODEON THEATRE PRESENTS “ANITA”**

An entire country watched transfixed as a poised, beautiful African-American woman in a blue dress sat before a Senate committee with a clear, unwavering voice and recounted the harassment she had endured while working with U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. That October day in 1991 Anita Hill, a bookish law professor from Oklahoma, was thrust onto the world stage and instantly became a celebrated, hated, venerated, and divisive figure.

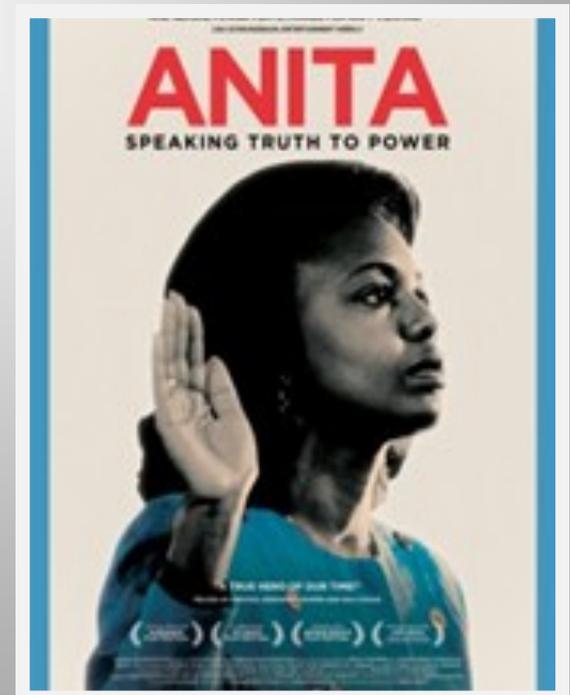
**Location: The Nickelodeon, 1601 Main St.**

**Cost: \$10**

**Times: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Phone: 803-254-8234**

**Website: <http://nickelodeon.org/>**



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# Mark Your Calendars: Economic Development Luncheon



## Economic Development *Luncheon*

Hosted by Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, City of Columbia

September 12, 2014

8:30am Registration

9:00am - 2:00pm Workshops & Luncheon

Luncheon Guest Speaker:  
Bob Hughes of Hughes Development

Michael's Café and Catering  
The Hampton Room  
1620 Main Street Columbia, SC

Tickets - \$50

Tickets available for purchase at

NCBA, 1013 Duke Avenue

First Citizens Bank

1230 Main Street  
2621 Main Street

RSVP: 803-786-7232

**NCBA**  
NORTH COLUMBIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

[www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com](http://www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com)



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# Save the Date: Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

*In Recognition of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, join us for*

## Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

featuring

Flag football with former players from USC, Clemson, VA Tech & Allen University

Saturday, September 20, 2014

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Games ✓  
(Hopscotch, jump ropes, Dodgeball & more!)  
Celebrity Flag Football ✓  
Relay Races ✓  
Healthy Snacks ✓

Drew Park Green Space  
(Adjacent to Drew Wellness Center)  
2101 Walker Solomon Way  
Columbia, SC 29204

Scavenger Hunt ✓  
Live Entertainment ✓  
Exhibitors ✓  
FREE Event ✓

For more information, contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or [weaustin@columbiasc.net](mailto:weaustin@columbiasc.net), or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).

GameDay Emcee Curtis Wilson  
Big DM Radio Host



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# Save the Date: Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence



SAVE THE DATE

Mayor's Walk  
**AGAINST  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014  
9 A.M.  
FINLAY PARK

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**



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For more information, contact Public Relations at 803-545-3020 or [pio@columbiasc.net](mailto:pio@columbiasc.net).



**TO REGISTER, VISIT:**

[HTTP://COLUMBIASC.NET/HEADLINES/071020141557-MAYORS-WALK-AGAINST-DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE](http://COLUMBIASC.NET/HEADLINES/071020141557-MAYORS-WALK-AGAINST-DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE)



# Meetings

- The City of Columbia Planning Commission will conduct a meeting Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The City of Columbia Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a meeting Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The City of Columbia Design/Development Review Commission will conduct a meeting Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

For meeting agendas, visit [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net).



# City Media

[www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)



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