



City Connection



SPOOKTACULAR BLOCK PARTY

On Friday, October 31, 2014 The City of Columbia's "Spooktacular Block Party" will be held on Taylor Street beside Finlay Park. Bring the family out for an evening of fun, terror, games and more.

The "Spooktacular Block Party" will feature a costume contest, jugglers, stilt walker, carnival games, food trucks, exhibitors, interactive inflatables, a pumpkin patch and more! The event also includes the "Tunnel of Terror." Gates open at 6:30 p.m. at the Lady Street entrance.

There is a charge of \$3 per person for the "Tunnel of Terror." Ticket prices for the carnival games including the interactive inflatables will vary. Receive \$1 off the ticket prices with the donation of three non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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: James Helms, Assistant Chief,
Columbia Fire Department

Topic: Firefighters Recruitment

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

Guest: Officer Jason Roberts, Columbia
Police Department

Topic: Halloween Safety

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

Guest: Lee Thompson, Interim Assistant
Superintendent of Recreation, Parks &
Recreation

Topic: Spooktacular Block Party

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



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The Week Ahead

NOMINATIONS FOR THE TREASURED TREES PROGRAMS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. **Nominations are due by November 15, 2014.**

The Treasured Trees Program seeks to document and preserve trees that have significant value to the greater community, and promote the awareness, benefit and value of trees to the community.

The owner/caretaker of each selected tree will receive a certificate at a public Arbor Day celebration at the Governor's Mansion, and some of the trees may be publicized in The State newspaper.



Nominations may be emailed to forestry@columbiasc.net

REGISTRATION PERIOD OPEN FOR COED ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the 2014 Adult Volleyball League. Men and women ages 18 and older can participate in this coed volleyball league. The fee to participate is \$150 per team. **The last day to register is October 31.**

To download a registration form, visit the Parks & Recreation's Athletics page [online](#) and click the "Adult Registration Form" link.

For more information, please contact Corinn Taylor at 803-545-3109 or email cetaylor@columbiasc.net.



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CITY OF COLUMBIA SEEKS YOUR INPUT

The City of Columbia hosted a public survey on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 to allow for input on the master plan for Finlay Park.

Representatives from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. shared information with the public on the history of the park, existing park land use, existing conditions and park programs. The public meeting helped the design team identify community needs to be considered during the planning process.



The public was able to fill out a survey on what existing features they enjoy when using the park and what improvements they would like to see in the future. If were unable to attend the meeting, a survey can be submitted [online](#). **Surveys are due by 5 p.m. October 31, 2014.**

CENTER OF THE WEEK: JAMES E. CLYBURN GOLF CENTER

The James E. Clyburn Golf Center is a full-service golf practice facility and learning center located in downtown Columbia off of Harden Street.

The golf center offers a lighted driving range, covered hitting area, a short game practice area with a large practice green and a bunker, and a putting green and clubhouse with meeting space. The golf center also offers private and group lessons for golfers of every skill level.

The center is home to the First Tee of Columbia, a summer golf camp for youth ages 8-17. During the camp, participants learn proper golf etiquette; grip, stance, posture and alignment; putting; and more.

The center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday during the fall and winter months.

For more information about our parks, recreation centers and facilities, please visit the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department online.



COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his October Open House on today, October 27, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 803-545-3061.



ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions.

Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes:** (Seeking five applicants)

The purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes is to hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made the zoning administrator or the Consolidated Review Committee in the enforcement of the code when the property is governed by a form based code. Term – 3 years.

- **Planning Commission:** (Seeking one applicant)

The purpose of this commission is to develop and maintain a continuing planning program which will benefit City of Columbia residents; to provide a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and address local development issues and opportunities; to foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities in order to insure orderly growth, development, conservation and preservation; to furnish technical assistance to city government and its agents; and to review and coordinate federal, state and local programs that have an impact on the city Term – 3 years .

Applications are due no later than November 7, 2014, 5 p.m. For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to cflucius@columbiasc.net.



CITY OF COLUMBIA ASKS FOR CITIZENS' INPUT

The City of Columbia is partnering with the National Research Center to conduct a citizen satisfaction survey. Questionnaires will be sent to a random sample of 1,200 Columbia citizens asking for feedback on the quality and usefulness of city services. The results will be included in a final report that city officials can use in planning and budgeting for the future.

The survey will be used to measure residents' perceptions and attitudes about City services, participation in and satisfaction with various programs and attitudes about issues such as quality of life, public safety and other services.

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS™ is a cost-effective scientific survey of resident opinion and an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison among communities. Communities using The NCS™ have reported that the tool helped improve performance, strengthen communications with community stakeholders, and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

For more information about the 2014 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, contact Missy Caughman at 803-545-3201.



LINCOLN STREET TUNNEL TO CLOSE FOR CITY OF COLUMBIA'S "SPOOKTACULAR" BLOCK PARTY

The Lincoln Street Tunnel will be closed from Tuesday, October 28 until Saturday, November 1 due to the preparation for the City of Columbia's "Spooktacular" Block Party

The tunnel will reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.





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Columbia Animal Shelter

127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: 803-776-PETS (7387)

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pet of the Week!

MEET Sassy! (ID# A208443)



Sassy is a seven-month-old kitten who just wants to be loved by a family of her own. She is very independent for her age and low maintenance. Sassy is spayed and microchipped. Visit Sassy today to see if she is the kitten for you!

Visit Sassy and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.



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

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PET TIP

Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween. Strangers dressed in unusual costumes could scare them!



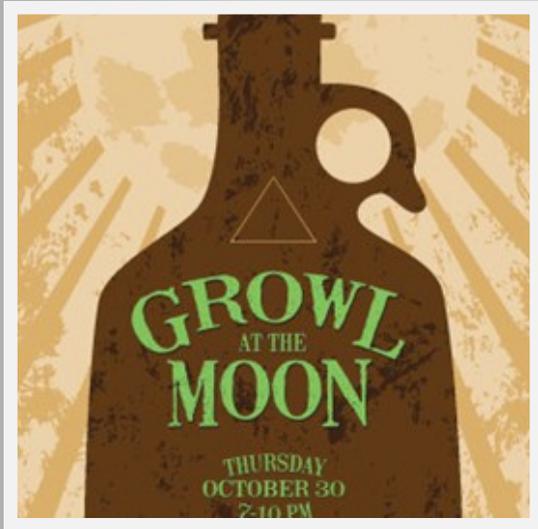
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Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

GROWL AT THE MOON



Come growl at the moon at the South Carolina State Museum's after hours Halloween party featuring: Lunar observing in the museum's new observatory, laser light show, live music, food, custom beer growler to take home. This event is for ages 21 and up.

Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Admission: Tickets are \$35 and include food, beer, admission to the laser light shows and a beer growler to take home.

Phone: 803-898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/events/growl-at-the-moon/>

DRACULA: BALLET WITH A BITE

Blood, Fangs, and Death are just a few of the things you will find in this favorite Halloween cult classic. Based on the novel by Bram Stoker, we see Count Dracula continue his seductive reign of terror with his Brides of Darkness in Transylvania.

Location: Koger Arts Center – 1051 Greene St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$42/39 (for students/seniors/military)

Phone: 803-799-7605

Website: <http://www.koger.sc.edu/>



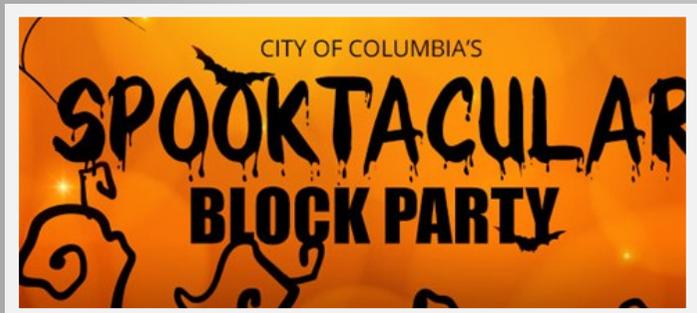
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Location: Taylor St. (Beside Finlay Park, 930 Laurel St.)

Time: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Cost: \$3 per person. Ticket prices for the carnival games will vary. Receive \$1 off the ticket prices with the donation of three non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Phone: 803-545-3100

Website: <http://www.columbiasc.net/headlines/101720140750-spooktacular>

NOT-SO-SPOOKY HALLOWEEN STROLL

Dress your family in their costumes and head downtown to celebrate Halloween with Richland Library, Columbia Museum of Art, Free Times, Mast General Store, Nickolodeon Theatre, One Columbia for Arts and History, and Uptown on Main. Stop by any of these organizations for Halloween treats.



Location: Richland Library Main – 1431 Assembly St.

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803- 988-0891

Website: <http://richlandlibrary.com/event/not-so-spooky-halloween-stroll-families>



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

THE SENSATIONAL EPICS HALLOWEEN DANCE



Get ready to shag, swing, and rock & roll as the 2014 Carolina Beach Music Awards Hall of Fame inductees The Sensational Epics return for a live performance and Halloween night dance.

Location: The Lourie Center – 1650 Park Cir.

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m

Admission: \$15 advance, \$20 at the door

Phone: 803- 779-1971

Website: <http://louriecentersc.com/>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

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



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

THE EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES



The Hans Christian Andersen story takes on a whole new dimension as guest artist Grey Seal Puppets transform this classic into a fable. The crafty tailors are foxes, the prime minister a near-sighted camel and the councilor, a befuddled old walrus. Even the audience takes part — as animals, of course.

Location: Columbia Marionette Theatre – 401 Laurel St.

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

Admission: \$5

Phone: 803-252-7366

Website: cmtpuppet.org

USC V. TENNESSEE

Cheer on the Gamecocks as they play against Tennessee. Enjoy a day of football and tail gating at William's-Brice Stadium!



Location: William's-Brice Stadium - 1125 George Rogers Blvd

Time: TBA

Admission: Ticket Prices Vary

Phone: (803) 777-4271

Website: <http://www.gamecocksonline.com/facilities/scar-facilities-wb-stadium.html>



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

DOLLAR SUNDAY AT SC STATE MUSEUM

Enjoy exhibits at the South Carolina State Museum for only \$1 this Sunday!

Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$1

Website: <http://www.museum.state.sc.us/>



BANK OF AMERICA “MUSEUMS ON US” WEEKEND

If you are a Bank of America cardholder, enjoy free admission to EdVenture, on the first full weekend of every month! Just present your card at EdVenture’s Welcome Center. Valid only for Bank of America cardholders, regular admission applies to additional guests who are not Bank of America cardholders.

Location: EdVenture Children’s Museum – 211 Gervais St.

Time: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission: FREE for Bank of America Card Holders.

General Admission without Bank of America Card

Phone: 803-779-3100

Website: <http://www.edventure.org/calendar/detail.aspx?EventID=589>



Meetings

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINES FOR AGENDA ITEMS
November 18	WORK SESSION/ COUNCIL MEETING	November 4

- The Environment and Infrastructure Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 9 a.m. at City Hall.
- The Public Safety Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 11 a.m. at City Hall.



City Media

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