

NOFA Meeting



MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship



Pet of the Week: Kendal

# City Connection



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CHECK PRESENTATION

The City of Columbia presented a check for \$11,000 to the Palmetto Health Foundation Bosom Buddies Fund on Thursday, Nov. 13. The funds were raised from Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirt sales and the 2014 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast.

"It's important to note that we surpassed last year's total by more than \$3,000," said Mayor Benjamin. "Thanks to our firefighters, our police officers and to all of our city employees who sold 834 shirts and who served about 250 breakfasts."

Bosom Buddies is a 501(c)3 organization that assists women who are in need of mastectomy camisoles or have other post-surgical needs. Bosom Buddies is a breast cancer survivor support group sponsored by Palmetto Health Breast Center.



# 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:** U.S. Attorney, Bill Nettles  
**Topic:** Anti-Bullying Summit

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

**Guest:** Angelo McBride, Administrator,  
Office Business Opportunities  
**Topic:** FastTrac Growth Venture

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

**Guest:** Paul Featheringill, Business Loan  
Officer, Office Business Opportunities  
**Topic:** Main Street Capital Program

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



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# The Week Ahead

## COMMUNITY CAT SPAY/NEUTER BLITZ

Columbia Animal Services is partnering with The Animal Mission, The Humane Society of South Carolina, Pawmetto Lifeline, Pet's Inc., Richland County Animal Care and Lexington County Animal Services on Dec. 4 and 5 for a cat spay/neuter blitz. This is a group effort to decrease the number of unwanted litters of kittens. The goal is to spay/neuter 300 cats during the two days.

"Pet over-population is a community problem. As a community, we need to come together to solve this problem," said Will Brennan, President, The Animal Mission.

Citizens of Richland and Lexington Counties are asked to call one of the low cost clinics to make an appointment. Each surgery will be free; however, there will be a small additional cost if vaccines or other services are needed. All cats are welcomed: personal pets, strays and feral cats.

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## PARK OF THE WEEK: MELROSE PARK

Melrose Park is located in the historic Melrose Heights neighborhood on Fairview Road.

The park features a neighborhood center, playground area, a community garden, basketball court and splash pad. It is enclosed by a metal and stone fence and beautiful landscaping.

The neighborhood center houses an after-school program during the school year which offers homework assistance and supervised activities. The center is open weekdays from 2 to 6 p.m.



For more information about parks in the City of Columbia, please visit the [Parks & Recreation Department's page online](#).



## COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE



City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his November Open House on Monday, November 17, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at the Lourie Center, 1650 Park Circle

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

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## CITY OF COLUMBIA ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MLK DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIP

The City of Columbia is accepting nominations for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Awards. The Dream Keeper Award recognizes exemplary displays of committed service to the tenets of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence, and unselfish service must be demonstrated voluntarily by the nominee in support of his or her community and fellow citizens. The nominee must be age 18 or younger and enrolled in school with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Winners will be announced at the City of Columbia's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street. Nominees must attend the celebration.

Applications are available online for download or at any community center.

Applications must be returned in person or by mail to the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. **Applications must be postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2015.**

For more information, contact Shireese M. Bell at 803-545-3100 or [smbell@columbiasc.net](mailto:smbell@columbiasc.net), or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).

MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship Application – [Download PDF](#)





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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 Kendal! (ID# A209277)



Kendal is a two-month-old pug mix. She is very loyal and playful and in need of a loving home. Kendal is spayed and microchipped. Visit her today to see if she's the pet for you!

Visit Kendal and 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.



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.

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### PET TIP

November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month! Senior pets bond very strongly with adopters and understand that they have been given another chance at a happy life.



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# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

## VISTA LIGHTS



The Congaree Vista's signature open house kicks off the holiday season with artistic performances, live music and dancing. More than 60 galleries, shops and restaurants will open their doors to showcase their holiday treasures before the Vista's tree lighting with Mayor Benjamin at 7 p.m.

**Location:** The Vista – 1301 Assembly St.

**Time:** 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

**Phone:** 803-269-5946

**Website:** <http://vistalightssc.com/>

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## USC THEATRE: OUR TOWN

Thornton Wilder's hauntingly beautiful *Our Town* was described by playwright Edward Albee as "the greatest American play ever written." Wilder's beloved, Pulitzer Prize-winning drama opens our eyes to all we take for granted - the beautiful small details of everyday existence in a world "too wonderful for anybody to realize."



**Location:** Long Street Theatre – 1300 Greene St.

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Admission:** Student: \$12, USC Faculty/Staff, Military, Seniors 60+: \$16, General Public: \$18

**Phone:** 803-777-2551

**Website:** <http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/thea/>



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

## TRANS SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA – CHRISTMAS ATTIC LIVE



Trans-Siberian Orchestra will wrap up 2014 by performing their rock opera The Christmas Attic live for the first time in arenas across the nation on their Winter Tour 2014.

**Location:** Colonial Life Arena – 801 Lincoln St.

**Time:** 4 p.m. AND 8 p.m.

**Cost:** Prices Vary

**Website:** <http://www.coloniallifearena.com/events/eventpages/518.asp>

**Phone:** [803-576-9200](tel:803-576-9200)

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Five actors perform all the characters of Charles Dickens' classic story and create a live musical score on stage in a re-imagined production. When Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by his deceased business partner Jacob Marley, a night of haunts begins as spirits take Scrooge to the past, present and future.



**Location:** Trustus Theatre – 520 Lady St.

**Time:** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Admission:** \$22

**Phone:** 803- 254-9732

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/TrustusTheatre>



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

## **HOLIDAY ART SALE AND SILENT AUCTION**

Exhibition will feature art work from participants of the Creative Journey Program from the Exceptional Family Program at Fort Jackson and the Veterans Art Program at the Columbia Art Center. Benefits Creative Journey art rehabilitation program

**Location: Earlewood Community Center – 1113 Parkside St.**

**Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Phone: 803-545-3093**

**Website: <http://columbiasc.net/parks-recreation>**



**City of Columbia Art Center's Annual  
Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction**  
Benefiting the Creative Journey Project  
**Saturday November 22, 2014**  
**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Earlewood Park Community Center**  
**1113 Parkside Drive**  
*Light refreshments will be served*

The Holiday Art Sale will feature artwork from participants in the Creative Journey Program, Fort Jackson's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Art Center's Veterans Art Program.

**For more information, please contact Shanna Oliver at 803-545-3093.**

## **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 entry (prices vary for each vendor)**

**Phone: 803-269-3241**

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



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

## **FESTIVAL OF TREES**



Proceeds from the weekend-long silent auction of decorated trees, wreaths, tabletop trees, stockings, children's art and other holiday items will benefit Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Get in the holiday spirit with local choirs, dance groups, a parade of mascots and photos with Santa

**Location: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center – 1101 Lincoln St.**

**Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Admission: \$2; \$5 per family**

**Phone: 803-434-7275**

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

## **SNOWVILLE**



Every day is a SNOW DAY at EdVenture from November 22 through February 22! Strap on some ice skates and pack your mittens for a frosty, fun-filled trip to Snowville. Our most popular seasonal exhibit is cooler than ever! Crawl through an ice tunnel, climb a snow-capped mountain, sled down a snowy hill, or visit the Penguin Observation Station. It's all in Snowville!

**Location: EdVenture Children's Museum – 211 Gervais St.**

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

**Admission: Children and Adults: \$11.50 Seniors (62+): \$10.50 Military (with ID): \$10.50**

**Members: Free Children under one: Free**

**Phone: 803-400-1166**

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



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**PALMETTO CONCERT BAND TO PRESENT ANNUAL NOVEMBER CONCERT**



This concert will include the introduction of Dr. Scott Weiss (Director of Bands at the University of SC) as the band's new conductor, following the retirement of James K. Copenhaver and Dr. William J. Moody, the founders of the Palmetto Concert Band. Mr. Copenhaver and Dr. Moody will both be featured guest conductors at this concert.

**Location: Kroger Center**

**Admission: Free, Open to the public**

**Phone: (803) 777-4106**

**Website: [www.palmettoconcertband.org](http://www.palmettoconcertband.org)**

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**SIMS PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION**

Until further notice, the playground area at Sims Park is closed to visitors, effective Friday, November 14 in order for contractors to install new playground equipment, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced. Sims Park is located at 3500 Duncan Street.

The playground area is closed to allow for site preparation and installation. The old playground equipment has been removed and the installation of the new equipment will begin on Monday, November 24. The park's neighborhood center will continue normal operating hours.

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



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# MLK Jr. Food Drive



## **City of Columbia** **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** **"HONOR THE DREAM"** **FOOD DRIVE**



Please join the City of Columbia, Richland School District One and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation, as we help fight hunger in the Greater Columbia area. All food collected will benefit the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Some suggested items include canned fruits, meats and vegetables, soup, and dry goods (rice, pasta).  
Food drive ends January 2, 2015

Donations will be collected during normal business hours at the following locations:

City Hall  
1731 Main Street

Washington Square  
1339 Main Street

City Human Resources  
1225 Lady Street

Police Headquarters  
#1 Justice Square

Fire Department  
1800 Laurel Street

Public Works  
2910 Colonial Drive

James E. Clyburn  
Golf Center  
2091 Slighs Avenue

Charles R. Drew  
Wellness Center  
2101 Walker Solomon Way



**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
**Memorial Foundation**

For more information, call 803-645-3100.

Columbia Tennis  
Center  
1635 Whaley Street

Columbia Art Center  
1928 Calhoun Street

Main Street Ice  
Corner of Main &  
Hampton Streets

City Parks

For a list of City park  
sites, please visit  
[www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net)



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# Save the Date!



City of Columbia  
Parks & Recreation Department  
1111 Parkside Drive  
Columbia, SC 29203  
[ColumbiaSC.net](http://ColumbiaSC.net)



(Boyd Plaza - Corner of Main & Hampton Streets)

**OPENING NIGHT - November 27th 5PM - 10PM**

## SKATE FOR \$8 SPECIALS

### **Mondays**

#### ***Food Drive Night***

Support Harvest Hope and bring 3 canned goods or non-perishable food items.

### **Tuesdays**

#### ***Government Employee Appreciation Night***

Show your employee ID (Federal, State, City & County)

### **Wednesdays**

#### ***Youth Group Night***

Bring your youth groups out for fellowship and fun.

### **Thursdays**

#### ***College Night***

Show your college ID  
Represent your school and show your school spirit!

### **Military & Seniors - \$8**

Must show ID

## Hours of Operation

### Normal Hours

Mondays – Thursdays

4pm – 9pm

Fridays

4pm – 10pm

Saturdays

10am – 10pm

Sundays

1pm – 9pm

### Special Holiday Hours

Day After Thanksgiving

1pm – 10pm

December 15<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mondays – Thursdays

12pm – 9pm

Fridays

12pm – 10pm

***Closed on Christmas Day***

***Open late New Year's Eve (12am)***

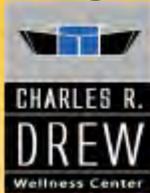
For more information or group reservations,  
contact Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100



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# "Fight the Holiday Fat" Special



## Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29201

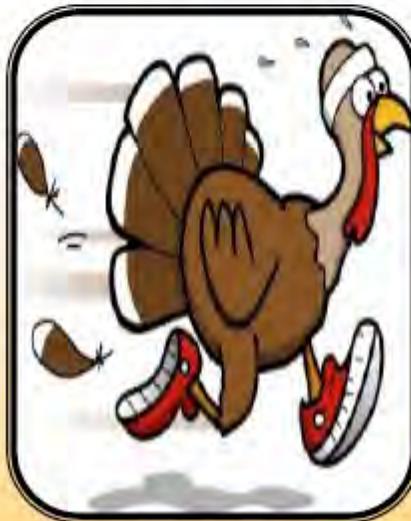
803-545-3200

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

## "Fight the Holiday Fat" Special

For a limited time, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering a *"Fight the Holiday" Fat Membership Special* on new or renewing *monthly memberships*.

Monthly Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non-Resident)	"Fight the Holiday Fat Special" (Ends Nov. 30)
<b>ADULT (18-49)</b>	<del>\$39/\$47</del>	\$29
<b>SENIOR (50+)</b>	<del>\$33/\$39</del>	\$29
<b>FAMILY (Up to 4 people)</b>	<del>\$66/\$79</del>	\$55



**Our Lowest Price  
Ever on Monthly  
Memberships!**



For more information, please contact Drew Wellness Center at 803-545-3200.

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# Adopt a Senior Pet Month

**November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month**

All Cats & Dogs over 3 years are \$20, all November

All +3 year old Cats/Dogs go home  
with +55 year old for *FREE!*

Their Affection; Timeless  
Their Devotion; Ageless  
And their Love; Forever...

Go To  
**Petfinder**  
To View Our  
Adoptable Pets



**Columbia Animal  
Services**  
803-776-PETS (7387)  
127 Humane Lane  
[www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)



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# Meetings/Closings

- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Work Session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 2 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Council Meeting at 6 p.m. and a Zoning Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at City Hall.
- City of Columbia offices are closed on November 27-28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Garbage Collection Schedule Changes

- Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2014 will be rescheduled for Friday, November 28, 2014.
- Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Friday, November 28, 2014 will be rescheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2014.



# City Media

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



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