



The 2014 "Official City Ornament"

Pet of the Week:
Chewie

Financial Education Workshop

City Connection



CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON INDUCTED INTO THE 2014 WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

City Manager Teresa Wilson was inducted into the 2014 Women's Hall of Fame by Southeast Small Business Magazine (SEBSM) at its Second Annual Women of Influence Breakfast.

Teresa Wilson became City Manager in January 2013. During her tenure, she has implemented and overseen numerous initiatives that are focused on making the city more efficient and more effective for citizens and business owners. City Manager Teresa Wilson's business and management philosophy is focused on the "Build Columbia" strategic framework, which emphasizes the need to "Run, Grow and Transform" our city in an efficient and effective manner in order to yield a productive business and financial model for the City of Columbia's operations.



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: Captain James Bostic, Columbia Fire Department

Topic: Firefighter Recruitment

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

Guest: Dollie Bristow, CD Administrator

Topic: Community Development Block Grant Program (NOFA) Technical Assistance Meeting

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

Guests: John S. Fellows, Assoc. AIA, AICP and Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Topic: Plan Columbia Open House

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



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The Week Ahead

PLAN COLUMBIA OPEN HOUSE

What: Building on community input collected at the Plan Columbia Workshop in July, the City of Columbia has prepared a draft Land Use Plan. The public is invited to an open house to see the plan, share thoughts on the recommendations, and talk one on-one with the planning team. This is an opportunity for citizens to give input on the plan recommendations before City leadership considers formally adopting the plan.

When: Wednesday November 5, 2014

11 am – 2 pm

6 pm – 8 pm



Where: EdVenture Children's Museum, 211 Gervais Street
The Canal Room (Lower Level – Entry at Facing Canal)

For more information, visit www.weplantogether.org or download the [Plan Columbia Open House flyer](#).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM NOFA ASSISTANCE MEETING

The Community Development Block Grant Program Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) Technical Assistance Meeting will be held on November 6, 2014 at the Cecil Tillis Center (2111 Simpkins Lane) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The CDBG program addresses the needs for affordable housing, economic development and public services, primarily to the benefit of low and moderate income population within the City of Columbia.

The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG funding is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities. The CDBG program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation.



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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.

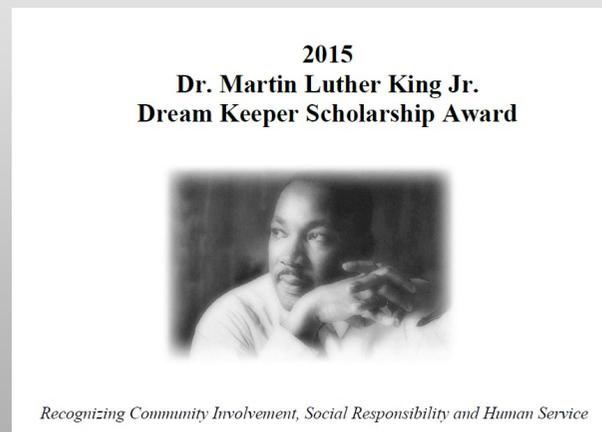
The nominee must be age 18 or younger and enrolled in school with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

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, or visit www.columbiasc.net.



THE 2014 “OFFICIAL CITY ORNAMENT”

Mayor Steve Benjamin and the Babcock Center Foundation unveiled the South Carolina State Museum as the 2014 “Official City Ornament” today. Each year, the Mayor of Columbia proclaims the Babcock Center Foundation’s “Ornament of Opportunity.”



“The Babcock Christmas Ornament is about making a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents,” said Mayor Benjamin. “It’s about creating hope and as such exemplifies our city’s oldest traditions of family and community. So it is fitting that this year’s ornament honors those traditions embodied in one of our most treasured institutions – the South Carolina State Museum.”

All proceeds from the sales of the ornament benefit the Babcock Center Foundation, which help people with lifelong disabilities.

For more information or to purchase ornaments, visit www.babcockcenter.org

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.



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.



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- **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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD START FRESH FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The City of Columbia Community Development will hold a Financial Education Workshop on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9-11 a.m.

The workshop will focus on the importance of banking, budgeting, saving and building your credit.

For more information or to register, call 803.545.0280 or visit www.columbiasc.net.



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.

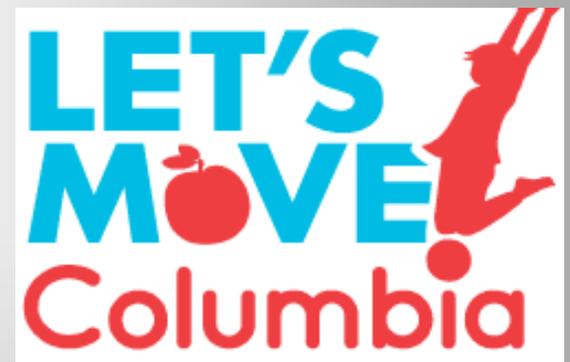


Nominations may be emailed to forestry@columbiasc.net

CITY OF COLUMBIA RECOGNIZED BY THE NLC

The City of Columbia was recognized by the National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (NLC) for its marketing and branding of Let's Move! Columbia in the Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) resource guide.

Let's Move! Columbia is featured in the Marketing and Branding Spotlight for communication efforts to increase awareness of the City's efforts to encourage citizens to incorporate physical activity and healthy eating into their daily lives.



The City uses a variety of communication methods, including Twitter, City TV, and a monthly Let's Move! newsletter. The most recent addition to the City's marketing efforts is a special Let's Move! TV show that features exercise tips, health information and interviews with City officials and local health experts. The latest show was filmed at EdVenture Children's Museum and features local children learning how to prepare healthy meals that the entire family can enjoy.



PARK OF THE WEEK: RIVERFRONT PARK

Riverfront Park is located where the original waterworks for the City of Columbia was situated. The site was also home to the world's first electrically operated textile mill. The hydroelectric plant—the oldest one in the state— is still operating.

This 140-acre park, which opened in 1983 for recreational use, separates the Historic Columbia Canal and the Congaree River.

Riverfront Park features a beautiful brick amphitheater, public art, picnic tables and benches.

The park also features a self-guided walkway by the old parts of the water plant and paved trails for those looking to take a walk or run and view the wonderful views of the river.

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



COLUMBIA'S GAMECOCK WATER TOWER BECOMES TANK OF THE YEAR FINALIST

The City of Columbia's Wales Garden water tower near Whaley St. and Pickens St. was voted into Tnemec Company Inc.'s top 12 tanks during its nation-wide 2014 Tank of the Year event.

City residents and Gamecock fans were encouraged to vote for the tank from October 6th through the 24th. Thanks to their support, the tank will be featured in Tnemec's 2015 Tank of the Year calendar, which can be preordered at <https://tnemec.wufoo.com/forms/tank-of-the-year-calendar-request/>



"We're certainly proud of how the design turned out, and we appreciate everyone's helping voting it into the top twelve" said Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering for the City of Columbia.

The tank received a facelift in 2013 when its coating was reapplied to protect it from the elements and prolog its lifespan. Because of its location—both near the USC campus and visible from Williams-Brice Stadium—the tank has sported a Carolina theme for well over a decade.





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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 Chewie! (ID# A208617)



Chewie is a one-year-old brown and white Chihuahua mix. If you're looking for a delicate house dog, Chewie is the one for you! He is neutered, microchipped and ready to take home today!

Visit Chewie 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

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 6

FIRST THURSDAYS ON MAIN



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First Thursdays on Main is Columbia's monthly art crawl and street fest hosted by the Main Street merchants on the first Thursdays of every month from 6 to 10 p.m. This event showcases the revitalized Main Street community and includes our merchants from the Capital to Town Hall.

Location: Main Street

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-988-1065

Website: <http://firstthursdaysonmain.com>

BLUES BREWS & BBQ

Family Shelter will host its annual Blues, Brews & BBQ benefit to support food, shelter and program services offered to homeless families in the Midlands. Help support homeless families in the Midlands. Ticket prices includes full BBQ dinner, beer and wine (must be 21 to attend).

Location: 1601 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$45

Phone: 803-771-7040

Website: www.columbiafamilyshelter.org



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

RENOVATION RODEO



Presented by Modern Exterminating and The Palladium Society, Renovation Rodeos take us on a tour of old homes and buildings in the Columbia area that have been refurbished and renovated while staying true to the roots and history of the site. Hear from homeowners, architects and contractors who took the opportunity to preserve the historic character of the capital city, and enjoy beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres during the tour.

Location: Melrose Heights Neighborhood

Time: 5 p.m.

Admission: Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Phone: 803.252.7742

Website: cobrien@historiccolumbia.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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!"

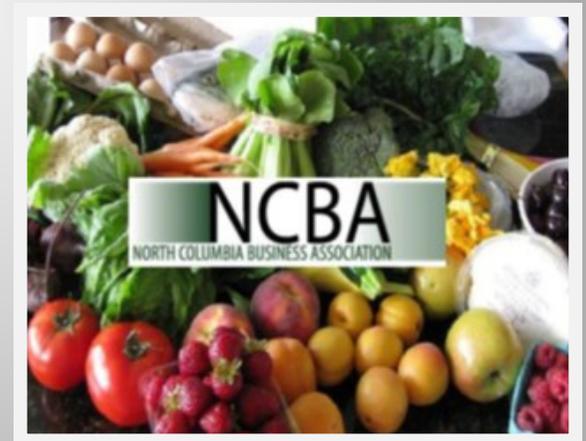
Location: 2720 North Main Street

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Phone: 803-556-5428

Website: foodparkofcolumbia.com



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

OPERA AT USC: HANSEL AND GRETEL



A fairy-tale opera based on the Brothers Grimm Classic. The opera will be sung in German. Special guest, soprano Lori Celeste Hicks, voice faculty at Claflin College and active recitalist and concert performer, plays the Witch. Hicks has performed internationally and throughout the U.S., and this fall she makes her much-anticipated Carnegie Hall debut, singing Robert Ray's Gospel Mass with Mid America Productions.

Location: Drayton Hall 1214 College Street, Columbia, SC 29208

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$25, USC faculty/military \$20; \$7 student

Phone: 803-777-5369

Website: http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/ensembles/opera_at_usc/index.php

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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 8

42ND GOVERNOR'S CUP ROAD RACE



Join us for our 42nd Governor's Cup Road Race. The opening ceremony will begin at 7:30 am in front of the start line at Gervais & Main Street. Awards ceremonies will begin at 9:30.

Location: Gervais & Main Street

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Admission: Prices Vary

Phone: 803-731-2100

Website: http://www.carolinamarathon.org/Governors_Cup/default.html

CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW



Join us for our 6th Annual Christmas Craft Show and Holiday Bazaar. There will be over 50 crafters and vendors.

Location: 702 North Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29072

Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-553-4912

Website: <http://midlandcrafters.wix.com/christmas-craft-show>



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

28TH ANNUAL CHILLI COOK OFF



Registration is open for all chefs. There will be over 50 different chili's to sample, tasty brews, Beverages, local bands, merchandise and more.

Location: Five Points

Time: Noon to 7 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-748-8929

Email: AMYBETH@FIVEPOINTSCOLUMBIA.COM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

VAREKAI CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

The sky lets go of a solitary young man, and the story of Varekai begins. Parachuted into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world imbued with fantastical creatures, a young man takes flight in an adventure both absurd and extraordinary. On this day at the edge of time, in this place of pure and undiluted possibility, begins an inspired incantation to a life rediscovered and to a newly found wonder in the mysteries of the world and the mind.

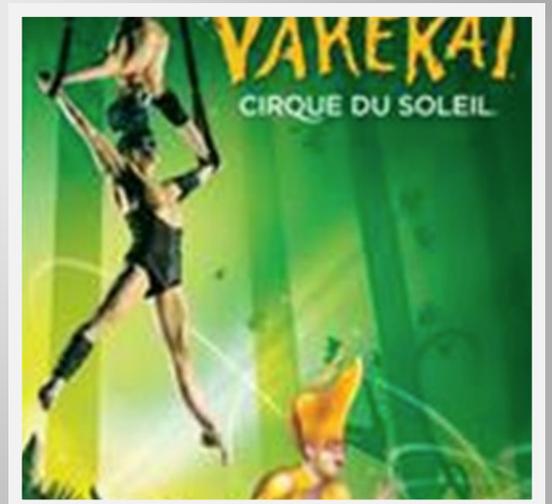
Location: 801 Lincoln St.

Time: 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$29.50 and up

Phone: 803-479-5611

Website: <http://www.columbiacvb.com/includes/calendar-of-events/Cirque-Du-Soleil-Varekai/25537/>



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TABLETOP ART HISTORY: STILL LIFE FROM THE COLLECTION



This intimate and colorful exhibition uses still life paintings to tell the story of American art. From polished photographic apples, to loosely, but lovingly, painted bowls on the kitchen table, Tabletop Art History offers the opportunity to see how artists can use one theme in many different styles. Along the way, we also learn the difference between "realism," "impressionism," and "expressionism." Twenty-four of the CMA's greatest still life paintings are displayed.

Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.

Time: Noon – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$12 or less

Phone: 803-799-2810

Website: <https://www.columbiamuseum.org/>

PASSPORT TO ART: MONSTER MASKS

Come get your Passport to Art and create your own spooky monster mask! This free drop-in studio program for families features a new hands-on art project each month. After spending time in our open studios, explore our galleries at your own leisure or join us for the family tour at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbia Museum of Art (1515 Main St.)

Time: Noon – 3 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-799-2810

Website: <https://www.columbiamuseum.org/>



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Meetings

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

- The Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on November 3, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall.



City Media

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