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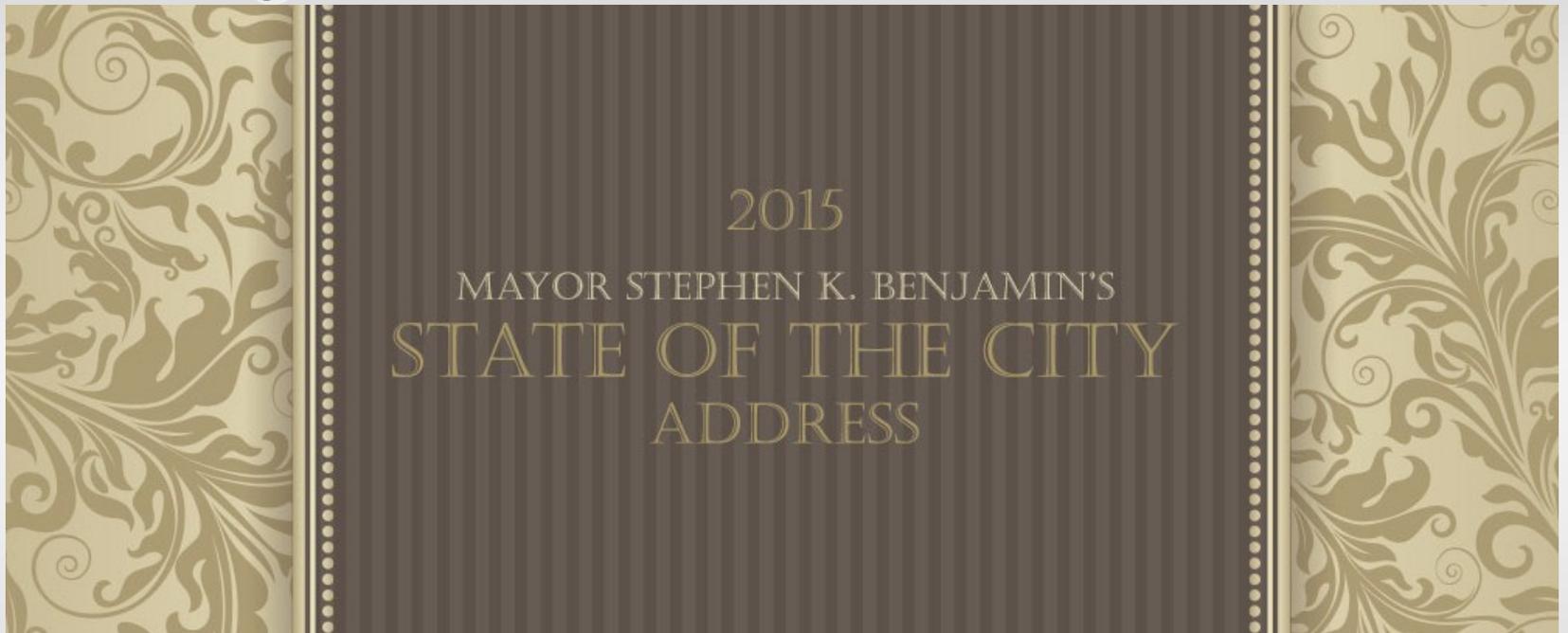
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MAYOR STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN'S
STATE OF THE CITY
ADDRESS

MAYOR STEVE BENJAMIN TO DELIVER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Steve Benjamin will deliver his Annual State of the City address on today, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin

WHAT: State of the City Address

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

The Coble Ballroom

1101 Lincoln Street



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The Week Ahead

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOLD WALK BIKE COLUMBIA PUBLIC MEETING

The public is invited to a public meeting to see the draft pedestrian and bicycle master 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.



Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 from 6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
(Presentation at 6 P.M.)
EdVenture Children’s Museum, The Canal Room, 211 Gervais Street (Lower Level – Entry at Facing Canal)

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

CHIEF HOLBROOK TO SPEAK AT CCN MEETING



Police Chief William “Skip” Holbrook will be speaking at the CCN General Meeting Thursday, January 22 at 6 pm at the Eau Claire Print Building, 3907 Ensor Avenue.



CURBSIDE VALUE PARTNERSHIP'S RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP

Curbside Value Partnership's (CVP) Recycling Partnership is providing the City of Columbia, South Carolina with \$300,000 toward modernizing its residential curbside recycling program. The City of Columbia was selected as an inaugural 2014/2015 Recycling Partnership community via a highly competitive process.



The Recycling Partnership is funded by companies and organizations that believe in driving increased material recovery. They include: Alcoa Foundation, Amcor, American Chemistry Council, American Forest & Paper Association, Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers, Ball Corporation, Carton Council, Coca-Cola, SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association, and Sonoco are financially supporting the efforts of The Recycling Partnership. According to Karen Bandhauer, Project Director of CVP, "Just a 10 percent increase in our national recycling rate would result in 24 million tons diverted from landfills, saving 55 million metric tons of CO2 and 104 billion gallons of water. As we partner with Columbia, Florence, Richmond, and other cities, we are collaboratively making those results a reality. This is a great beginning."

CITY MANAGER SPEAKS AT LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA ALUMNI EVENT

City Manager Teresa Wilson was the keynote speaker for Leadership Columbia Alumni Association's Luncheon Series on Tuesday, January 20. During the event, 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.



REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The City of Columbia and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation held the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2015, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street.

Columbia Urban League President and Chief Executive Officer James T. McLawhorn, Jr. was the keynote speaker. The celebration also included performances from A. C. Flora High School Gospel Ensemble, The Brotherhood of First Nazareth Baptist Church and Jonathan Cannon, a Dutch Fork High School junior.



Monday's celebration included a Wreath Laying Ceremony to commemorate the historic marker honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the corner of Harden and Greene streets. Members of the Alpha Psi Lambda and Omicron Iota Lambda chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. lead the ceremony.

THE CITY URGES CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC FORUMS FOR FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Columbia's vision needs your voice! The City of Columbia's Community Development department will host public forums 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 are invited to provide input and comments on community needs by attending one of the four public forums:

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Park

Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Woodland Park, 6500 Olde Knight Parkway

For more information, contact Dollie Bristow at 803-545-3371 or Community Development at 803-545-3373.



Photo Gallery

27TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION



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Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND

USC SYMPHONY

USC Symphony Orchestra (4) with Neil Casey, conductor and Charles Fugo, piano (The Sandlepper Singers). A Tribute to Sidney Palmer.



Location: Koger Center for the Arts – 1051 Greene St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: General Public \$31; Seniors, USC

Faculty & Staff \$26; Students \$9

Phone: 803-251-2222

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

HOW DOES THE EARTH SPEAK TO US?

The discussion is co-organized with the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina and will feature representatives from six different faith communities; including Dr. Jonathan Leader (Jewish), Dr. Will Moreau Goins (Native American), Holli Elmore (Pagan), Dr. Amarjit Singh (Sikh), and Arunima Sinha (Hindu). The discussion will be moderated by professor emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Carl Evans (Christian).



Location: McKissick Museum – 945 Bull St.

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-777-7251

Website: <http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/mckissickmuseum/>



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

SOUTH CAROLINA UNLEASHED



South Carolina Unearthed, the South Carolina State Museum's new temporary natural history exhibit, showcases a variety of specimens from the museum's extensive and nationally-known collection of animals that once inhabited South Carolina. The exhibit will feature a wide array of fossil animals like the American lion, long-nosed crocodile and saber-toothed cat, along with many other ancient beasts.

Location: South Carolina State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: Free with admission

Phone: 803-898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/>

CAROLINA'S CAMPAIGN

Explore General William T. Sherman's Carolinas Campaign, the battles and destructive path of his Army, and the controversies surrounding the infamous Burning of Columbia. The exhibit will look at the impact on the home front as well as the experience of soldiers, especially the retreating South Carolina troops that fought in the campaign.

Location: South Carolina Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 general, \$4 for military and seniors & \$2 for children under 12

Phone: 803-737-8094

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/>



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

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: 1500 block of Main Street Center

Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Admission: Free. Prices vary by vendor.

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: www.sodacitysc.com

LIFECANCE 2015 - INTERNATIONAL BALLET GALA OF THE STAR



Guest dancers from top ballet companies from around the country join the Columbia Classical Ballet for an exciting and eclectic night of classical and contemporary dance that also spotlights a local charity.

Location: Koger Center for the Arts – 1051 Greene St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$5- \$32

Phone: 803-251-2222

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



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

SNOWVILLE

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/>

Pet of the Week



Meet Bobbie! (ID# A211265)

Bobbie is a one-year-old Carolina dog mix. He is very quiet and relaxed. Bobbie is also neutered and microchipped. Meet him today!

Visit Bobbie 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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Women's Defense Class

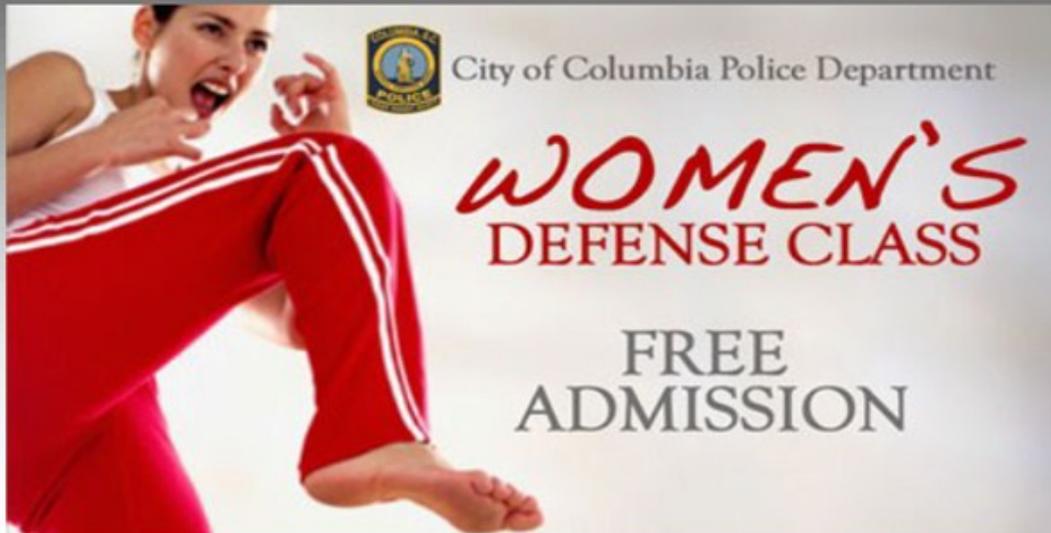


Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204

(803) 545-3200

www.drewwellnesscenter.com



**When: January 13 and January 27 @ 5:30PM
You pick your day!**

Where: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

Who: Open to girls and women ages 13 and up

- Stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys where there are dark hiding spots.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, and try not to keep currency and credit cards all in one place.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

Call 803-545-3200 to reserve your space TODAY!

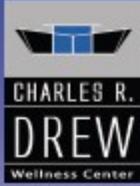


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Become a Member Today!



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

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www.drewwellnesscenter.com

New Year's Resolution Special

For a limited time, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering a ***New Year's Resolution membership special*** on new or renewing **YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS**.

Yearly Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non-Resident)	New Year's Special (Ends Jan. 31)
ADULT (18-49)	\$264/\$304	\$210
SENIOR (50+)	\$198/\$228	\$160
FAMILY (Up to 4 people)	\$396/\$456	\$325



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Walk Bike Columbia



WALK BIKE COLUMBIA

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

What will walking, bicycling, and transit in Columbia look like in 10 years?

Join us for a public meeting

to share the draft pedestrian and bicycle master plan for the City of Columbia.



Thursday, January 22nd

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

(Presentation at 6 PM)

EdVenture Children's Museum

(Canal Room)

211 Gervais St,
Columbia, SC 29201

www.walkbikecolumbia.org

For questions or assistance with special needs, contact: City of Columbia Planning Department at (803) 545-0229.



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C. R. A. Columbia - Richland Alerts



Get Connected Stay Informed

The City of Columbia and Richland County have launched a new alerts program designed to provide you with time-sensitive information for public safety and community awareness. To ensure that we can reach you with the information you need, when you need it, this notification system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly with a variety of contact preferences.

[Click here to Register!](#)



Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
January 27 at 2 p.m.	COUNCIL WORK SESSION	1737 Main Street Council Conference Room
January 27 at 6 p.m.	COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
January 27 at 7 p.m.	ZONING PUBLIC HEARING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers



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