

# City Connection



*Join Us*  
On February 6th  
**Wear Red**



## NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY— FEBRUARY 6TH

Celebrate National Wear Red Day to help honor and support the women affected by heart disease, the number 1 killer of women. Please join us for our 2015 Go Red Day event on February 6, 2015 at 12 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 1737 Main Street. A press conference and community photography session will be held.

The Go Red For Women movement encourages awareness of this issue and action to help save lives. This movement challenges women to know their risk for heart disease and take action to reduce personal risk. It also gives them the tools they need to lead a heart healthy life.

RSVP to Sugi Brown-Washington at [subrown@columbiasc.net](mailto:subrown@columbiasc.net) or call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.



# City Talk

**City Talk is now on Sound Cloud!**

**Tune in to this week's episode to hear:**



**Guest:** Councilwoman Tameika Issac Devine

**Topic:** National Wear Red Day on February 6th

**Guest:** Felicia Wilks, Senior Loan Officer Community Development Department

**Topic:** Home Buying Workshop

**Listen here:**



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



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# The Week Ahead

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD STAKEHOLDER MEETING FOR FIVE YEAR

### CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Community Development is seeking input for the Five Year Consolidated Plan from stakeholders to help prioritize the City of Columbia's needs. The stakeholder meeting will also provide an introduction to the City of Columbia's Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2020.

**Who:** Service providers and nonprofits who serve low-to-moderate income beneficiaries

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 5 at noon

**Where:** Earlewood Park Community Center, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

Email [shgilliard@columbiasc.net](mailto:shgilliard@columbiasc.net) to RSVP. For more information, contact Community Development at 803-545-3373.



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## CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON TO BE HONORED BY THE PALMETTO CENTER FOR WOMEN

Palmetto Center for Women, YMCA of Columbia's outreach branch, is pleased to announce the honorees of the 2015 TWIN Awards, an honor presented to women who are leaders and role models in business and in the community. The annual TWIN Awards will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown Columbia Marriott.

Proceeds from this year's TWIN Awards will help fund Palmetto Center for Women's outreach programs and services including workforce readiness programs at Transitions.



A limited number of individual tickets are still available. Please contact Wendy Broderick at 803-748-9622 ext. 113 or [wendybroderick@columbiaymca.org](mailto:wendybroderick@columbiaymca.org) to reserve your seat.



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## **CITY OF COLUMBIA RECOGNIZED WINNERS, SPONSORS OF DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

Columbia City Council recognized the winners and sponsors of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarships during its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Winners were announced on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park located at 2300 Greene Street. Hundreds of people gathered to commemorate the life and legacy of the of late civil rights leader and recognize those who are committed to serving others.

Thirty-three nominations were received for the Dream Keeper Scholarships Program, which recognizes exemplary displays of voluntary service and academic achievement. A total of \$4,000 was donated to this year's scholarships program, a banner year for scholarship donations. Last year, \$2,450 was awarded to Dream Keeper recipients. Thanks to an increase in sponsorships, 14 students were able to receive awards.

The winners of the Dream Keeper Scholarships are:

- Ravyn Neosha Cunningham, a student at A. C. Flora High School; \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Grace Church of Columbia and David Day
- Kierra Alayah Jackson, a student at Ridge View High School; \$500 scholarship sponsored by Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter & Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Tykira Smalls, a student at W.J. Keenan High School; \$500 scholarship sponsored by Councilman Moe Baddourah
- Gabrielle Cummings, a student at Dreher High School; \$250 scholarship sponsored by Cromartie Law Firm, LLC.
- Eboni Tytiana Georges, a student at Airport High School; \$250 scholarship sponsored by Troubleshooter A/C Heating and Refrigeration
- Alyssa Brunson, a student at Spring Valley High School; \$250 scholarship sponsored by Gamma Nu Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Taylor Cunningham, a student at A.C. Flora High School; \$250 scholarship sponsored by Henri Baskins
- JaLyn Nicole Johnson, a student at Blythewood High School; \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation

A new scholarship program was announced at the celebration, the Josiah Caden Jenkins Memorial Scholarships. Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins established the scholarship in memory of his great-nephew Josiah Caden Jenkins. The annual scholarship of \$350 will be awarded to two elementary school students.



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Recipients of the 2015 Josiah Caden Jenkins Memorial Scholarships are:

- Journei Simmons, a student at Round Top Elementary School; \$250 scholarship
- Harmonie Jade Frederick, a student at Polo Road Elementary School; \$100 scholarship

Mayor Steve Benjamin also made a surprise announcement during last Monday's celebration. Twenty-one additional students will receive a \$100 award thanks to donations from the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager. Nineteen of the students were Dream Keeper nominees who did not receive scholarships and two of the students were program participants during the City's annual celebration.

Winners of the annual Honor the Dream Food Drive, a collaborative effort between the City and Richland School District One, were also announced during the annual celebration. More than 15,000 pounds of food were collected for Harvest Hope Food Bank. Richland School District One collected more than 12,500 pounds and the City collected 2,558 pounds.

The top winners of the food drive are:

Richland One

First Place (tie): Carver-Lyon and Brennen elementary schools-1,895

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First Place: Martin Luther King, Jr. Park-1,272 pounds

To view photos of the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, please visit the City of Columbia's [Tumblr page online](#).



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## **SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED FOR 2015**

SCE&G will perform tree trimming activities along overhead utility lines in the following neighborhoods for the next two weeks:

Hampton-Wildcat Neighborhood  
Hampton Ridge Neighborhood Associatio  
Meadowfield Neighborhood Association  
Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association  
Sherwood Forest Neighborhood

Crosshill Neighborhood  
Heyward Park Neighborhood  
Hampton Hills Homeowners  
Heathwood Park Neighborhood  
Hampton Leas Neighborhood

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

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## **MAYOR STEVE BENJAMIN AND CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON RECOGNIZED AS TWO OF THE TOP 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE MIDLANDS**

Mayor Steve Benjamin and City Manager Teresa Wilson have been selected as two of the "Top 50 Most Influential People in the Midlands" in the January 2015 edition of Columbia Business Monthly magazine. The highly acclaimed list is as a profile of the best and brightest leaders in 2014 in the areas of business, government, nonprofits, the arts and health care.



**Mayor Steve Benjamin**



**City Manager Teresa Wilson**



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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD “HOW TO PURCHASE A HOUSE ON A BUDGET” WORKSHOP

Learn about the mortgage process, the benefits of homeownership and what to do after closing at Community Development’s “How to Purchase a House on Budget” Workshop.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 from 9-11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Earlewood Park 1119 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29201



For more information or to register, contact Felicia Wilks at 803-545-3373

To listen to the City Talk interview visit, <https://soundcloud.com/wearecolumbiasc>

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# Pet of the Week

## Meet Copper! (ID# A208131)



Copper is a two-year-old Catahoula Leopard dog mix that needs a lot of exercise. He is very calm and extremely dedicated to his owner. Copper is also neutered and microchipped. Come see if he’s the pet for you!

Visit 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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# Community Meeting



Join Councilman Moe Baddourah  
for an information session about  
gangs.



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## Community Meeting

Hosted by Councilman Moe Baddourah

**Monday, February 2, 2015**

**Emily Douglas Park, 2500 Wheat St.**

**6:00 p.m.**

For more information, please call (803)545-3061.



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# Community Forum

## Community Forum

Thursday, February 5, 2015

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Heathwood Park, 800 Abelia Rd.



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Hosted by Councilwoman Leona Plaugh and Councilman Moe Baddourah

You are invited to attend this important community forum hosted by Councilwoman Leona Plaugh and Councilman Moe Baddourah to hear important information about City of Columbia operations. Featured guests include City Manager Teresa Wilson, Police Chief William "Skip" Holbrook and City Attorney Teresa Knox.



Columbia City Manager  
Teresa Wilson



Columbia Police Chief  
William "Skip" Holbrook



Columbia City Attorney  
Teresa Knox

For more information, please call 803-545-3061.



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# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

MEET THE NEW ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, JASON KENDALL AT FIRST THURSDAY ON MAIN



Accomplished Columbia-based artist, Jason Kendall, has been chosen as the next Artist in Residence for the Tapp's Arts Center. Kendall's work, which probes the interest in masculine ritual and the dynamic relationship the American male has between work and play, is an easy fit for the program. general public.

**Location:** Tapp's Art Center – 1644 Main St.

**Time:** 6 – 10 p.m.

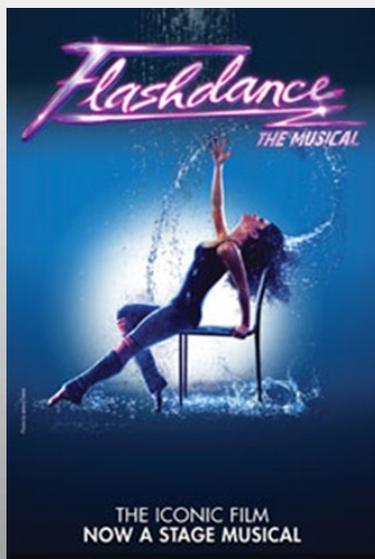
**Admission:** Free

**Phone:** 803-988-0013

**Website:** <http://www.tappsartscenter.com/>

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## BROADWAY IN COLUMBIA PRESENTS FLASHDANCE



Flashdance tells the inspiring and unforgettable story of Alex Owens, a Pittsburgh steel mill welder by day and a bar dancer by night with dreams of one day becoming a professional performer. When romance with her steel mill boss threatens to complicate her ambitions, Alex learns the meaning of love and its power to fuel the pursuit of her dream.

**Location:** Kroger Center for the Arts – 1051 Greene St.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Admission:** \$45 and up

**Phone:** 803-251-2222

**Website:** <http://www.broadwayincolumbia.com/>



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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**

**NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY**



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**Location: City Hall Council Chambers – 1737 Main St.**

**Time: 12 p.m.**

**Admission: Free- but must RSVP**

**Phone: 803-545-3020**

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

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**FREE FRIDAYS AT RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDEN**

Free Fridays are back at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden! Residents of Richland and Lexington counties will receive free admission to the Zoo and Garden every Friday during the months of January and February. Guests will be asked to provide a valid driver's license or property tax statement as proof of residency.

**Location: Riverbanks Zoo and Garden – 500 Wildlife Parkway**

**Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Admission: Free with valid license or property tax statement**

**Phone: 803-779-8717**

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



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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**

## **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: 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.**

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

**Phone: 803-269-3241**

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

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## **MONSTER JAM**



Come out and see your favorite monster truck drivers at the Colonial Life Arena! Fun for the whole family!

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

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Admission: \$42 (VIP), \$32 (Gold Circle), \$27, \$22. Kids 2-12 are \$14.50 in the \$27 price level and \$12 in the \$22 price level.**

**Phone: 803-576-9200**

**Website: <http://www.coloniallifearena.com/events/eventpages/510.asp#.VMqah-PIZUM>**



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**

## **GIRLS WORLD EXPO**



We invite teen girls ages 11 – 18 from the Columbia region to join us for a fun-filled day. Girls World Expo is a nationwide event for teen girls. You will attend workshops, listen to speakers, see demonstrations, science exhibits, and speak one-on-one with women who are leaders in business, government, industry, the arts, and many other realms of endeavor.

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

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

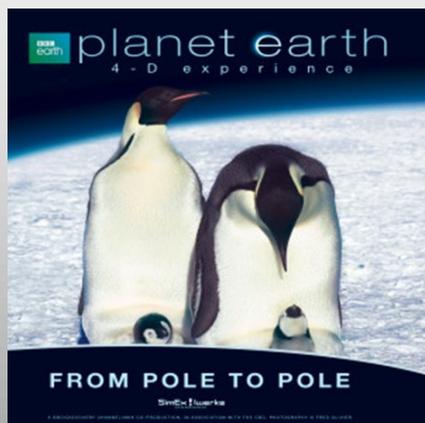
**Admission: Admission to the Expo is free but you must register online**

**Phone: 814-460-3685**

**Website: <http://gwexpolive.com/columbia-sc/>**

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## **PLANET EARTH POLE TO POLE**



Planet Earth takes you to places you have never seen before, to experience sights and sounds you may never experience again. This episode looks at our planet as a whole and considers the key factors that have shaped its natural history such as the sun, the oceans and the rain

**Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.**

**Time: 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.**

**Admission: Prices vary for 4-D films check website for details**

**Phone: 803-898-4921**

**Website: <http://scmuseum.org/explore/4-d-theater/>**



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# Smoke Alarm Safety

## Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- ))) INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ))) Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- ))) For the best protection, INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- ))) An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a PHOTOELECTRIC smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) are recommended.
- ))) INSTALL smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
- ))) REPLACE batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- ))) REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- ))) FIRE WARNING EQUIPMENT is available to awaken people who are deaf or hard of hearing. This equipment uses strobe lights and vibration equipment (pillow or bed shakers) for people who are deaf and mixed-low-frequency signals for people who are hard of hearing. Some of this equipment is activated by the sound of the smoke alarm.

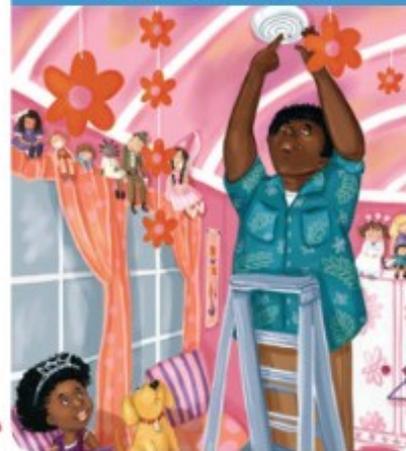


Your Source for SAFETY Information [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)  
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

### FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

**AND DON'T FORGET...**  
All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



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# February Open House



Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine  
to host February Open House.

City Hall, 1737 Main Street

Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
5 - 8 p.m.

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



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# Home Buying Workshop

## How to Purchase a House on a Budget



### Home Buying Workshop

How to purchase a house on a budget

City of Columbia

Community Development Department

Earlewood Park - (1113 Parkside Drive)

**Date of Scheduled Class**

**February 7, 2015**

**Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Topics of Discussion**

Benefits of Homeownership

Budgeting

New construction verses Existing Homes

Resources/Mortgage Programs

Loan Requirements

Mortgage Process

What to do after closing

***Call to reserve your seat at:***

**(803) 545-3373**

Sr. Loan Officer, Felicia Willis

Loan Officer, Tracey Brown & Bryan Graves



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# Valentine's Adoption Special

**\$14 ADOPTION SPECIAL**

*February 13th - 16th*

*Be Mine*



*Fur-ever Yours*

\*\$14 Adoption Fee applies to any Cat and/or Dog for adoption.  
Includes: Spay/Neuter, Microchip, Feline Leukemia/ Heartworm Test,  
Initial Vaccines & Deworming.

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



**Columbia Animal  
Services**  
803-776-PETS (7387)  
127 Humane Lane



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# Lifesavers Blood Drive

## LIFE SAVER

American Red Cross

5th Annual Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive

**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday, February 27

7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

To schedule your donation appointment, please visit  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Sponsored by Mayor Steve Benjamin, the City of Columbia and the American Red Cross S.C. Region Board of Directors



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# Heart Health Month



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center  
2101 Walker Solomon Way  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 545-3200  
[www.drewwellnesscenter.com](http://www.drewwellnesscenter.com)

## February is Heart Health Month

Join Ashley Raasch, a registered dietitian, for a free cooking class that will teach you how to prepare heart-friendly meals. Show off this flavorful, healthy meal and dessert for Valentine's Day, or just treat yourself!



Location: Drew Wellness Center

Date: Monday, February 9

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

**FREE to  
the public!**

For more information or to RSVP, call the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center at 803-545-3200.



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



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# Save the Date!



## SAVE THE DATE!



**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

2500 Block of North Main and Newman Streets

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

\$5 Admision/ Kids 12 & under FREE!



**Come out for a good 'ole time and enjoy music, fun, dancing and old fashioned cornbread! Bring your chairs and enjoy live entertainment and more!**

Cornbread Cook-Off Contest!

Live Entertainment!

Classic & Contemporary Car Show!

SC Cornbread Festival Pageant!

Cornbread Eating Contest!

Karaoke!

Corn hole Classic Tournament -NEW!

Corn Muffin Play land...and MORE!

**For More Information Please call (803) 786-7232**

**Visit [www.sccornbreadfestival.com](http://www.sccornbreadfestival.com)**



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# Sign Up Today!



## 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!](#)



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# Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
February 2 at 5:15pm	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
February 10 at 10am	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
February 10 at 2pm	COUNCIL WORK SESSION	1737 Main Street
February 10 at 6pm	COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
February 10 at 7pm	ZONING PUBLIC HEARING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
February 17 at 2pm	COUNCIL WORK SESSION	1737 Main Street
February 17 at 6 pm	COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers



## City Media

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



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City Talk on SoundCloud

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