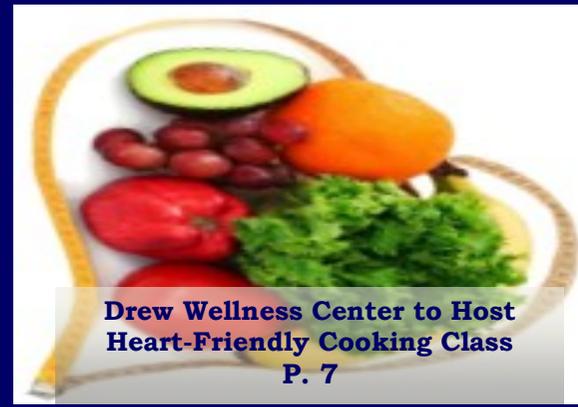


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CITY OF COLUMBIA AND RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE TO KICK OFF SEVENTH ANNUAL “TOGETHER WE CAN READ” INITIATIVE

City of Columbia and Richland School District One will kick off their seventh annual “Together We Can Read” initiative with a press conference to announce this year’s book. The citywide reading initiative will impact over 2,000 third-grade students and involve almost 100 celebrity/guest readers.

WHERE: City Hall, Council Chambers, 1737 Main St.

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the “Together We Can Read” initiative, contact the Public Relations, Marketing, and Media Department at 803-545-3020.



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City Talk

City Talk is now on Sound Cloud!

Tune in to this week's episode to hear:



Guest: Libby Gober, Assistant to City Council

Topic: Accepting Applications for Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Grants

Listen here:



Watch here:



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



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The Week Ahead

COLUMBIA ANIMAL SERVICES TO OFFER FUR-EVER YOURS ADOPTION SPECIALS

Cats and dogs at the Columbia Animal Shelter will be offered for \$14 on February 13-16. The adoption fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, Feline Leukemia/Heartworm Test, initial vaccines and deworming.

For more information, contact Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS or visit ColumbiaSC.net.



A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: A BLACK HISTORY EXTRAVAGANZA



In honor of Black History Month, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring “A Celebration of Heritage from Generation to Generation: A Black History Extravaganza.” Celebrate the African American culture through song, dance, games and more. The event will also feature guest speakers Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers Jr., president of Voorhees College and civil rights activist, and the Honorable Bakari Sellers.

WHERE: Greenview Park, 6700 David Street, Columbia, SC 29203

WHEN: Monday, February 16, 2015 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

COST: Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and under. Lunch will be provided.

The deadline to purchase tickets is February 11.

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



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COUNCILWOMAN TAMEIKA ISAAC DEVINE TO HOST OPEN HOUSE



WHAT: City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine will host her February Open House.

WHO: Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine

WHERE: City Hall, 1737 Main Street

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 5 - 8 p.m.

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

COLUMBIA ART CENTER TO OFFER CHILDREN'S POTTERY WORKSHOP

The Columbia Art Center is offering a Pottery Workshop for Children on Saturday, February 28 for ages 5-16.

Children will be introduced to hand building and the pottery wheel in this 3-hour pottery workshop held at the Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

The workshop, which will be led by instructors Tim Graham and Sonia Neale, will be divided by age groups. Ages 5-9 can attend the workshop from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and ages 10-16 can attend the workshop from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The registration fee of \$35 is due by February 14. The maximum number of students allowed for this workshop is 12.

To download a registration form, visit the [Art Center's "Workshops" page online](#).

For more information, please call Brenda Oliver at 803-545-3093.



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MAYOR BENJAMIN WELCOMES NEW MAYOR'S FELLOWS TO CITY HALL

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin has ten new students as fellows this semester in his Mayor's Fellows program. The fellowship, which provides both undergraduate and masters-level students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of how a high-energy local government office operates, caters to students seeking to satisfy class credit and fulfill internship requirements or to those simply wishing to gain experience working in public service, the community and the governmental arena.

Fellows assist policy staff with research in various fields that may affect departments/agencies within the City of Columbia. The students aid in special research projects, researching current City of Columbia policy and assisting with research in specially designated areas. Fellows work directly alongside the Mayor's staff and identify best practices.

"This semester's fellows are an excellent and bright group of individuals," said Benjamin. "Their energy is contagious, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of the great work they do for our city."

To learn more about the Spring 2015 Fellows [click here](#).

THE CITY OF COLUMBIA IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOSPITALITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS TAX GRANTS.

Accommodations Tax Grants (Due March 13, 2015) provide financial support to non-profit organizations and their projects/events whose mission is to attract tourists by promoting overnight accommodations in the City of Columbia. To be eligible, your organization must be a nonprofit with documentation from the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office, with activities in the City of Columbia.

Hospitality Tax Grants (Due March 27, 2015) provide financial support to non-profit organizations and their projects/events whose mission is to attract tourists by promoting dining in the City of Columbia. To be eligible, your organization must be a nonprofit with documentation from the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office, with activities in the City of Columbia.

For guidelines, applications and more information, visit columbiasc.net

To hear interview regarding this topic, [click here](#)



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOST ALL ACCESS COLUMBIA

Learn about neighborhood leadership, financial literacy and homeownership at Community Development's ALL ACCESS Columbia workshop on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Alcorn Middle School, 5125 Fairfield Road. This year's classes include:

Neighborhood Fundraising
Crime Prevention (Gang Violence)
Creating Cash on a Budget
And many more!

Teenagers and Money (Grades 7 to 12)
Climbing the Money Tree (Grades 1 to 6)
Rookie Home Buyer
Greenery Aesthetics

Online registration is at <http://www.columbiasc.gov/aac2015>. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please call Community Development at 803-545-3373 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

ELISE JONES MARTIN MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Columbia City Council members announced that the multipurpose room at the Drew Wellness Center has been dedicated in honor of Mrs. Elise Jones Martin on February 7, 2015.

Throughout her life, she worked on behalf of building strong communities. Mrs. Martin also served on a special committee that played a formative role in the development and construction of Drew Wellness Center. Her vision and foresight as a community leader has been invaluable and her priority was to always represent the interests of the residents in her neighborhood and throughout Columbia.

Due to Mrs. Martin's commitment and devotion to her neighborhood and her decades of community service, the City of Columbia dedicated the multipurpose room in her honor.

Mrs. Elise Jones Martin celebrated her 100th birthday on February 7.



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CHARLES R. DREW WELLNESS CENTER TO HOST HEART-FRIENDLY COOKING CLASS

In honor of Heart Health Month, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center will host a free cooking class on how to prepare heart-friendly meals for two. The class will be led by Ashley Raasch, a registered dietitian.



WHERE: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way

WHEN: Today, February 9, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

Pet of the Week

Meet Sasha! (ID#A210409)



Sasha is a nine-month-old domestic short hair cat. She is very relaxed and extremely loyal. Sasha is also spayed and microchipped. Visit her today to see if she's the pet for you!

Visit Sasha 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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Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

BACKYARD BUDS: VALENTINES FROM THE GARDEN



Valentine's Day is a time for flowers and perfume. Discover how to get fragrance from flowers as we make our own perfume to take home.

Location: Riverbanks Zoo – 500 Wildlife Pkwy.

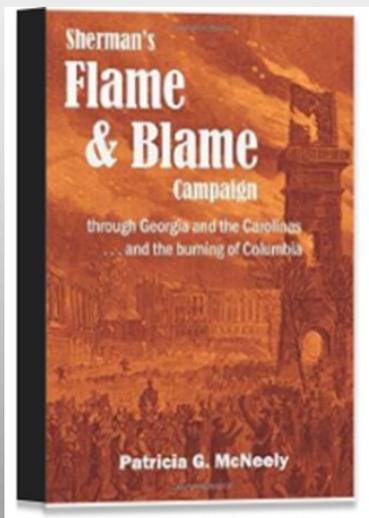
Time: 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Admission: \$5 per child with one adult

Phone: 803-779-8717

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

PATRICIA MCNEELY BOOK SIGNING



Patricia McNeely will be at Uptown to sign copies of her new book, Sherman's Flame & Blame Campaign – a book about the burning of Columbia.

Location: Uptown on Main – 1204 Main St.

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Admission: Free event

Phone: 803-661-7651

Website: <http://www.uptownsc.com/>



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

PORTRAITS OF LOVE BAROQUE CONCERT

Music depicting the many faces of love: romantic, spiritual, lost love, etc. Featuring music by Handel, Couperin, Charpentier and Hume.

Columbia Baroque

Location: Recital Hall USC School of Music – 813 Assembly St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: Student free with ID; \$20 (\$15 in advance)

Phone: 803-422-4921

Website: <http://www.columbiabaroque.com/>

HEART N' SOUL VALENTINE'S DANCE

Bring your friends, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to shag, swing and rock to the classic hits of the 1950s and 60s as Heart 'n Soul brings its musical talents to the stage.



LOURIE
CENTER

Location: Lourie Center – 1650 Park Circle

Time: 7 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Admission: \$15 - \$20

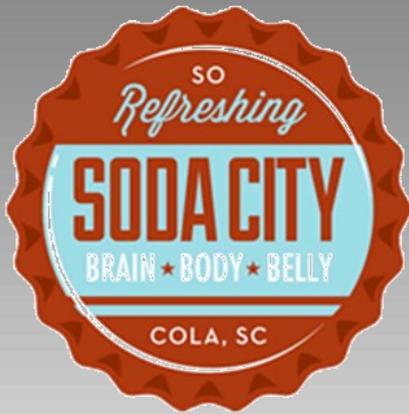
Phone: 803-779-1971

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



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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

Time: 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: Sodascitysc.com

SWEET ON CMA



Travel to different art stations to make a handmade valentine for someone special, have your face painted or participate in a "Sweethearts in Art" gallery hunt.

Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.

Time: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission: General Admission

Phone: 803-799-2810

Website: <http://columbiamuseum.org/events/calendar.php?date=2015-02-01&event=70978>

GUITAR GALA 2015



Will feature classical, jazz and Latin-American guitar music performed live by some of South Carolina's best musicians. There will also be a live auction of items from local merchants and renowned local artists.

Location: Dupre Catering – 320 Senate St.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Admission: \$45

Phone: 803-748-4144

Website: <http://southernguitarfest.com/guitar-gala/>



STILL ALICE



Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children, is a renowned linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a devastating diagnosis, Alice and her family find their bonds tested.

Location: The Nickelodeon – 1607 Main St.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10

Phone: 803-254-3433

Website: <http://nickelodeon.org/films/still-alice/>

LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY: PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA LASER SHOW

This kid friendly laser light cartoon, narrated by Aesop the owl and Socrates the mouse, takes a lighthearted look at the myths and stories associated with the fall constellations of Perseus the Hero and Andromeda the Princess. Learn about Cepheus the King, Cassiopeia the Queen and Cetus the Sea Monster along the way!



Please note: Laser shows contain bright, flashing lights that may cause discomfort to those with light sensitivity or other pre-existing conditions.

Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 4 p.m.

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

Phone: 803-898-4921

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



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Lifesavers Blood Drive

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American Red Cross

5th Annual Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive

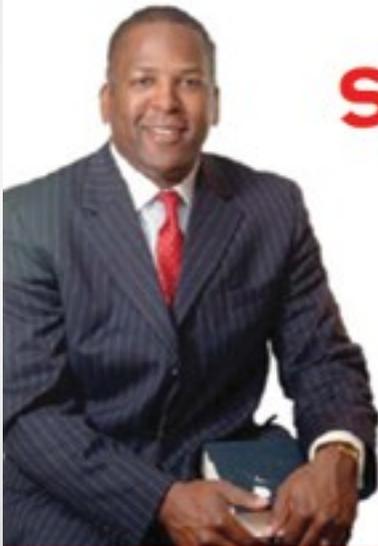
SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 27

7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

To schedule your donation appointment, please visit
redcrossblood.org 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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Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
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



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