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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-7387

Columbia Animal Services to Offer Fall Adoption Specials

WHAT: Columbia Animal Services will offer fall adoption specials on cats and dogs October 1-4, 2014.

WHERE: Columbia Animal Services, 127 Humane Lane

WHEN: October 1-3, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and October 4, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

COST: The following discounts will be applied:

- Wednesday, October 1: \$10 off
- Thursday, October 2: \$20 off
- Friday, October 3: \$30 off
- Saturday, October 4: \$40 off

*Discounts apply towards regular adoption fees (Dogs \$73 and Cats \$68).

For more information about Columbia Animal Services' adoption specials, please contact Marli Drum at 803-776-7387.

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Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Contact: Office of Business Opportunities at 803-545-3950

Main/North Main Street Façade Program Wrap-Up Event

WHAT: The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is wrapping up its Façade Improvement Program along the Main/North Main Corridor at a press conference on Wednesday, October 8. The program targeted commercial properties and businesses between the 2100 block of Main Street (at Elmwood Ave.) to 6900 North Main Street (at I-20). More than 30 projects were awarded funds.

This initiative was funded with \$258,468 from Community Development Block Grant dollars allocated to the City and attracted \$83,620 in private investment, bringing the total investment to \$342,088.

WHERE: Toliver's Mane Event
 6102 North Main Street
 Columbia, SC 29203

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 10 a.m.

For more information about the Office of Business Opportunities, call 803-545-3950.

*Light refreshments will be served.

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October is... Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Today marks the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each year, the City of Columbia recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence. This year's walk will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, domestic violence advocates and supporters will be in attendance.

South Carolina is currently ranked second in the nation for women killed by men, according to Violence Policy Council's annual report "When Men Murder Women", and nearly one in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

The walk is free and registration can be found online at www.columbisc.net. Registration is also open for team captains and exhibitors.

For more information about registration for 8th Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence, please contact the Public Relations, Marketing and Media Department at 803-545-3020.

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Thursday, October 2, 2014

Contact: Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125 or smbell@columbiasc.net

City of Columbia to Host Finlay Park Master Plan Public Meeting

The City of Columbia will host a public meeting in October to allow for input on the master plan for Finlay Park on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Representatives from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. will share information with the public on the history of the park, existing park land use, existing conditions and park programs. The public meeting will help the design team identify community needs to be considered during the planning process.

The public will be able to fill out a survey on what existing features they enjoy when using the park and what improvements they would like to see in the future. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a survey can be [submitted online](#). **Surveys are due by 5 p.m. October 31, 2014.**

The public also will have the opportunity to review design concepts with a member of the design team and staff from the City's Parks and Recreation Department during a public drop-in on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHAT: Finlay Park Master Plan Public Meeting

WHO: City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department staff, City officials, Representatives with Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Public drop-in, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 3, 2014

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing, and Media @ 803.545.3020

2014 Columbia Choice Awards Call For Entries

The Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission and Columbia Green present the 13th Annual Columbia Choice Awards for Landscaping and Beautification. These prestigious awards recognize individuals, businesses, neighborhoods and organizations whose work has significantly enhanced the appearance and quality of life of Columbia's environment.

Awards will be given in six categories:

- New Construction/Site Development
- Renovation/Reuse
- Site Beautification Management
- Education
- Neighborhood/Community
- Special Achievement.

All entries must be received by the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission no later than October 8, 2014. Awards will be presented at Columbia Green's Annual meeting in November.

Submission forms can be found at www.columbiasc.net. All submission forms must be submitted via email to FORESTRY@COLUMBIASC.NET

For information contact the City of Columbia Forestry and Beautification department at (803)545-3860 or by emailing sehollar@columbiasc.net, or visit www.ColumbiaGreen.org.

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For Immediate Release

October 3, 2014

Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2014

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

Hampton-Wildcat Neighborhood
Crosshill Neighborhood
Hampton Ridge Neighborhood Association
Heyward Park Neighborhood
Hampton Hills Homeowners
Heathwood Park Neighborhood
Sherwood Forest Neighborhood
Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

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.

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](#) on Facebook.

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Related Links:

[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)

VIDEO: [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 6, 2014

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City Council Work Session and Council Meeting Agendas

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Monday, October 6, 2014

Contact: Office of the City Clerk at 803-545-3045

Please review the attached City Council Work Session and Council Meeting Agendas.

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For Immediate Release

October 7, 2014

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing & Media, 803-545-3020

Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program 2014 Accepting Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. 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.

Selection Criteria:

- Trees of superior size or stature
- Trees associated with historical events
- Trees noteworthy for their aesthetic or sentimental value, their scarcity, or even because they are great trees to climb or swing from can be nominated.
- Groups of trees will also be considered for designation when their plurality contributes to their significance

Nominated trees can be located on public or private property and can be nominated by anyone. Trees should be located in the Greater Columbia Metropolitan Area, and preference will be given to trees in locations accessible for public viewing. Nominations of trees located on private property require the signature of the property owner granting the Treasured Trees program access to the property in order to evaluate and photograph the nominated tree.

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 are due by November 15, 2013. Participants should provide their name and contact information along with a description, location and photograph of the tree. If available, please include significance or history related to the tree. Nominations may be delivered or emailed to:

City of Columbia
Forestry & Beautification Division

Treasured Trees
2910 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
Office: 803.545.3860
Fax: 803.733.8648
forestry@columbiasc.net

This program is a joint project of the City of Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, Columbia Garden Club, and The State Newspaper.

[2014 Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program Flyer](#)

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Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing & Media at 803-545-3020

City Asks Community to Take A Stand Against Domestic Violence

The Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence is the City of Columbia's effort to bring more awareness to this problem. This year, the walk will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, domestic violence advocates, supporters and survivors will be in attendance.

South Carolina is currently ranked second in the nation for women killed by men, according to Violence Policy Council's annual report "When Men Murder Women", and nearly one in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

The City of Columbia wants citizens to know that there is help for those who want to leave abusive relationships in the Midlands. Agencies such as the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Sistercare offer emergency shelters, transitional housing and more for those who need it.

The walk is one mile and admission is free but registration is required. Team captains, exhibitors and participants can register at www.columbiasc.net.

For more information about registration for Eighth Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence, please contact the Public Relations, Marketing and Media Department at 803-545-3020.

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The public also will have the opportunity to review design concepts with a member of the design team and staff from the City's Parks and Recreation Department during a public drop-in on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHAT: Finlay Park Master Plan Public Meeting

WHO: City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department staff, City officials, Representatives with Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Public drop-in, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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City of Columbia's "Spooktacular Block Party"

WHAT: Bring the family out for the City of Columbia's "Spooktacular Block Party" for an evening of fun, terror, games and more. The "Spooktacular Block Party" will be held on Taylor Street beside Finlay Park and will feature a costume contest, jugglers, stilt walker, carnival games, food trucks, exhibitors, interactive inflatables, a pumpkin patch and more!

The event also includes the "Tunnel of Terror." Gates open at 6:30 p.m. at the Lady Street entrance. **Tickets are \$3 per person.** The "Tunnel of Terror" is recommended for ages 12 and up.

WHERE: On Taylor Street (Beside Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street)

WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m. October 31, 2014

COST: Admission to the "Spooktacular Block Party" is **free**. There is a charge of \$3 per person for the "Tunnel of Terror." Ticket prices for the carnival games including the interactive inflatables will vary. Guests can receive \$1 off the ticket prices (tunnel, games and inflatables) per person with the donation of three non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email kcmitchell@columbasc.net.

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City of Columbia Art Center to Host Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction to Benefit Creative Journey Project

The City of Columbia Art Center will host its annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Earlewood Park Community Center.

The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists. The event also 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. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Journey Project.

WHAT: City of Columbia Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction

WHERE: Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2014

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

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WHAT: Finlay Park Master Plan Public Meeting

WHO: City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department staff, City officials, Representatives with Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

WHEN: **TODAY**, October 8, 2014

Public drop-in, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

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October 8, 2014

Contact: Michael Wukela, Office of the Mayor @ 803-413-5052

Mayor Benjamin attends COPS conference

Little Rock meeting to discuss lessons learned from Ferguson

Little Rock, AR – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin has joined mayors and police chiefs from across the country in Little Rock, AR today for a special meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in order to discuss lessons learned from the events surrounding the August 9 fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO as well as celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Community Oriented Policing Services Program (COPS) which put 100,000 additional officers on the beat and contributed to an historic drop in crime.

The meeting, which included remarks from former President Bill Clinton, who established the COPS program in 1994, and Attorney General Eric Holder, will help identify specific strategies to resolve resident frustrations, reduce gun violence and strengthen the relationship between communities and their police force to make cities safer. Following the meeting, the nation's mayors will present a plan of action to the Justice Department that can be used to improve community-police relationships and help prevent situations like the one in Ferguson from occurring.

“We’re at a critical moment as a nation,” said Mayor Benjamin who also serves as a Trustee with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. “This is about engaging law enforcement and the citizens they are sworn to protect in order to seize that moment and create a safer community for all.”

For more information on today’s meeting or the United States Conference of Mayors visit www.usmayors.org.

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Contact: Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. at (803) 255-8129

Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. to Hold Ribbon Cutting for Lady Street Suites Today

WHAT: Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. will host a ribbon cutting for its multi-tenant building, Lady Street Suites. The building serves as office space for small businesses and offices are available for rent.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia City Councilmembers, City Manager Teresa Wilson, Field Representative for Congressman Clyburn John Rickenbacker, Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. Board of Directors and staff, City staff and business leaders.

WHERE: 1509 Lady Street

Columbia, SC 29201

WHEN: Today at 11 a.m.

For more information about the Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc., please call (803) 255-8129 or visit <https://columbiasc.gov/cez>.

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October 9, 2014

Contact: Michael Wukela, Office of the Mayor @ 803-413-5052

Leaders come together for My Brother's Keeper Local Action Summit

Columbia, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, Richland County Council Chairman Norman Jackson and Richland One School Board Chairman Aaron Bishop will jointly host a My Brother's Keeper Local Action Summit on Friday, October 10th to discuss a framework for helping effectively improve the lives of boys and young men of color.

WHAT: Press Conference to announce the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge

WHEN: NOON on Friday, October 10th

WHERE: Edventure

211 Gervais Street

Columbia, SC 29201

"I and many like me have lived the American Dream because of the men and women who gave their all to give us opportunities they could never have dreamed of," says Mayor Benjamin. "This initiative is our chance not only to honor their sacrifice, but to preserve their spirit by standing up for a generation of children who are facing some very serious challenges."

"We stand on the shoulders of giants from generations past and now it's our turn to offer our shoulders for those generations yet to come."

Answering President Barack Obama's recent call to action, Friday's summit will bring together leaders the City of Columbia, Richland County, Richland School District One, and Richland School District Two in order to define priorities, address stakeholder needs and identify public and private assets that can be brought to bear while set concrete short and long-term goals for our community's initiative.

Announced during President Obama's 2014 State of the Union Address, My Brother's Keeper is an initiative created to assist men of color from pre-kindergarten to those pursuing post-secondary education in multiple areas of concern. Preparing children for school, improving math and reading efficiency, completion of high school and post-secondary education and successfully entering today's workforce will be some of the major objectives of this challenge.

Mayor Benjamin, Chairman Jackson and Chairman Bishop will be available to the media just prior to the summit's start.

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Friday, October 10, 2014

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The league is open to individuals between the ages of 8 and 21. There is no registration fee to participate. Registration is required.

The last day to register is Friday, October 17. League play begins at 4 p.m. October 19.

Practice and games will be held at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street, Columbia, SC 29203.

Registration forms are available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#). Forms can be faxed to 803-343-8744 or emailed to Jennifer Stroman at jstroman@columbiasc.net.

The Challenger Flag Football League is sponsored by the Carolina Panthers Charities and the Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation.

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Registration Period Open for Coed Adult Volleyball League

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the 2014 Adult Volleyball League.

Men and women ages 18 and older can participate in this coed volleyball league. The fee to participate is \$150 per team.

The last day to register is October 31. The Adult Volleyball League season begins Monday, November 10, 2014.

To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#) and click the "Adult Registration Form" link.

Registration forms are also available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

For more information, please contact Corinn Taylor at 803-545-3109 or cetaylor@columbiasc.net.

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Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2014

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

Hampton-Wildcat Neighborhood
Crosshill Neighborhood
Hampton Ridge Neighborhood Association
Heyward Park Neighborhood
Hampton Hills Homeowners
Meadowfield Neighborhood Association
Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

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/treertrimming.

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](#) on Facebook.

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Related Links:

[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)

VIDEO: [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)



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City Asks Community to Take A Stand Against Domestic Violence

The Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence is the City of Columbia's effort to bring more awareness to Domestic Violence. This year, the walk will be held **Tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street**. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, domestic violence advocates, supporters and survivors will be in attendance.

South Carolina is currently ranked second in the nation for women killed by men, according to Violence Policy Council's annual report "When Men Murder Women", and nearly one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

The City of Columbia wants citizens to know that there is help for those who want to leave abusive relationships in the Midlands. Agencies such as the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Sistercare offer emergency shelters, transitional housing and more for those who need it.

The walk is one mile and admission is free but registration is required. Team captains and participants can register at www.columbiasc.net.

For more information about registration for Eighth Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence, please contact the Public Relations, Marketing and Media Department at 803-545-3020.

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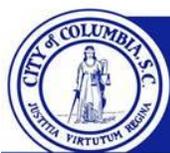
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Registration Open for City Hoops Instructional Basketball Program

Registration for City Hoops, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's instructional youth basketball program, is now open for boys and girls ages 3 through 8.

The program is an opportunity for youth to have fun and learn basketball fundamentals.

The fee to participate is \$25 per participant. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The last day to register is November 14. The City Hoops clinics begin Monday, November 24, 2014.

Registration forms are available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#) and click the "Instructional Sports" link.

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

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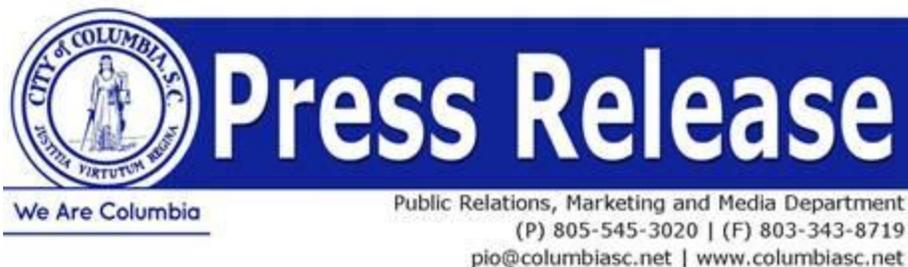
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Youth Winter Basketball League

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the Youth Winter Basketball league.

Boys and girls ages 9-17 can participate in the league. The fee to participate is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available.

The last day to register is October 26. The Youth Winter Basketball season begins Monday, November 10, 2014.

To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#) and click the "Youth Sports" link.

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1200 Block of Hampton Street To Close Temporarily

The 1200 block of Hampton Street (between Main and Sumter) will be closed to traffic from 7 a.m., Sunday, October 12, 2014 until 7 p.m., Monday, October 13, 2014. Motorists are encouraged to take an alternate route during these hours to avoid congestion associated with this road closure.

All businesses in this block will be open and will be accessible via the sidewalk on the north side of the block.

If you have any questions about the road closure, call the City's Customer Care Center at (803)545-3300.

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Lupus Walk for a Cure

WHAT: The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center will host the 2nd annual Lupus Walk for a Cure to help support those diagnosed with lupus and their families.

WHERE: Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

WHEN: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. October 25, 2014

COST: Individual registration: \$25 on-site; \$20 for [online early registration](#). Team registration fee is \$100 (group of 5). T-shirts must be ordered by 3 p.m. Friday, October 17.

For more information, call Lupus Columbia SC at 803-563-8117 or visit www.lupuscsc.org.



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Art Center to Host Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction to Benefit Creative Journey Project

The City of Columbia Art Center will host its annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Earlewood Park Community Center.

The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists.

The event also 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. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Journey Project.

WHAT: City of Columbia Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction

WHERE: Earlewood Park Community Center, 1113 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2014

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

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2014 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast

The annual Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast is on Friday, October 17, 2014 from 6–9 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot, 1737 Main Street. Tickets for this event are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at the following locations:

- Fire Department Headquarters, 1800 Laurel Street
- City Hall, 1737 Main Street
- Palmetto Health Foundation, 1600 Marion Street
- Police Department, #1 Justice Square
- Eau Claire Payment Center, 3905 Ensor Avenue
- Public Works, 2910 Colonial Drive
- Washington Square Payment Center, 1136 Washington Street

The breakfast menu will include: bacon, eggs, grits, hash browns, pancakes, sausage and liver pudding.

All proceeds benefit the Bosom Buddies, 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.

The Mayor's breakfast is named in memory of Isabel Law, who was a breast cancer survivor for 26 years and a registered nurse at the Baptist campus of Palmetto Health.

To place an order in advance, contact Tina Saxon at P: 803.545.3062, F: 803.545.3147 or email: trsaxon@columbiasc.net. Pre-orders must be submitted by **noon on October 16, 2014**.

For more information about the breakfast event or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Public Relations, Marketing and Media Department at 803-545-3020.

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Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program 2014 Accepting Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. 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.

Selection Criteria:

- Trees of superior size or stature
- Trees associated with historical events
- Trees noteworthy for their aesthetic or sentimental value, their scarcity, or even because they are great trees to climb or swing from can be nominated.
- Groups of trees will also be considered for designation when their plurality contributes to their significance

Nominated trees can be located on public or private property and can be nominated by anyone. Trees should be located in the Greater Columbia Metropolitan Area, and preference will be given to trees in locations accessible for public viewing. Nominations of trees located on private property require the signature of the property owner granting the Treasured Trees program access to the property in order to evaluate and photograph the nominated tree.

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 are due by November 15, 2014. Participants should provide their name and contact information along with a description, location and photograph of the tree. If available, please include significance or history related to the tree. Nominations may be delivered or emailed to:

City of Columbia
Forestry & Beautification Division
Treasured Trees
2910 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
Office: 803.545.3860
Fax: 803.733.8648
forestry@columbiasc.net

This program is a joint project of the City of Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, Columbia Garden Club, and The State Newspaper.

[2014 Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program Flyer](#)

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Monday, October 13, 2014

Contact: Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125 or smbell@columbiasc.net

Columbia Tennis Center to Close Temporarily

The Columbia Tennis Center will be closed Tuesday, October 14, 2014, until 6 p.m.

The center will reopen at 6 p.m. for normal operating hours.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 803-545-3100.

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Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Contact: Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125 or smbell@columbiasc.net

Dance for Life Zumbathon

WHAT: Drew Wellness Center will host the Dance for Life Zumbathon on Friday, October 17. The charity event is presented by MBS Fitness. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Palmetto Health Foundation.

WHERE: Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

WHEN: Registration begins at 6 p.m.; Event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. October 17, 2014

COST: \$7 in advance, \$12 at the door

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MBS Fitness at 803-403-3916 or visit www.mymbsfitness.com.

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Cooking Healthy for the Holidays

WHAT: Learn how to prepare delicious, healthy meals for the holiday season during a free cooking demonstration at Drew Wellness Center on November 10. Attendees will get help from a registered dietitian on how to cook healthy meals in this fun and interactive class.

WHERE: Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

WHEN: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2014

For more information or to register, call Drew Wellness Center at 803-545-3200 or visit the Member Services Desk.

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36th Annual City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade

Celebrate Veterans Day at the 36th Annual City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

Known as one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day Parade, the event will kick off at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Sumter and Laurel streets, and travel southbound on Sumter Street ending at Pendleton Street near the State House.

Veteran and military organizations and affiliates can submit an application for entry in the parade. To download an application, please visit the [Parks and Recreation Department's Veterans Day page online](#). Applications can be mailed to the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, emailed to kcmitchell@columbiasc.net or faxed to 803-343-8744.

The deadline to apply is Friday, October 17, 2014.

The Veterans Day Parade is hosted by City of Columbia Parks and Recreation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

For more information, please call Kim Mitchell at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

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Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine to host the 2014 Domestic Violence Awareness Advocates' Exchange

WHAT: The Domestic Violence Awareness Advocates' Exchange will hold its third annual interchange for local professionals to exchange information, resources and ideas to help strengthen the fight against domestic violence.

WHO: Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, Chairperson for the City of Columbia Domestic Violence Task Force.

Guest Speaker:

Representative Mia McLeod, SC House of Representatives, District 79

WHERE: Canal Room at Coble Plaza
 211 Gervais Street
 Columbia, SC 29201

WHEN: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

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"Today demonstrates why we should be having conversations about domestic violence year-round, not just in October," said Councilwoman Devine. "It is important that we understand the impact we can have by speaking out."

"We have made progress in some ways and we have regressed in others when it comes to domestic violence in SC," said SC Representative Mia McLeod. "It's not enough cooperation and collaboration to fix this issue."

Councilwoman Devine encourages all citizens to use the hashtag #voiceshavepower during the month of October and help the fundraising effort for domestic violence shelters and service organizations. Verizon Wireless will donate \$3 every time #voiceshavepower is used in a social media post.

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2014 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast

The annual Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast is today until 9 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot, 1737 Main Street. The breakfast menu includes: bacon, eggs, grits, hash browns, pancakes, sausage and liver pudding.

All proceeds benefit the Bosom Buddies, 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.

The Mayor's breakfast is named in memory of Isabel Law, who was a breast cancer survivor for 26 years and a registered nurse at the Baptist campus of Palmetto Health.

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Challenger Flag Football League

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the Challenger Flag Football League for children and young adults with disabilities.

The league is open to individuals between the ages of 8 and 21. There is no registration fee to participate. Registration is required.

The last day to register at any community recreation center or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office is today, October 17.

League play begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 19. Participants can register on-site.

Practice and games will be held at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street, Columbia, SC 29203.

Registration forms are available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

To download a registration form, visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#). Forms can be faxed to 803-343-8744 or emailed to Jennifer Stroman at jstroman@columbiasc.net.

The Challenger Flag Football League is sponsored by the Carolina Panthers Charities and the Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation.

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City of Columbia’s “Spooktacular Block Party”

WHAT: Bring the family out for the City of Columbia’s “Spooktacular Block Party” for an evening of fun, terror, games and more. The “Spooktacular Block Party” will feature a costume contest, jugglers, stilt walker, carnival games, food trucks, exhibitors, interactive inflatables, a pumpkin patch and more!

The event also includes the “Tunnel of Terror.” Gates open at 6:30 p.m. at the Lady Street entrance. **Tickets are \$3 per person.** The “Tunnel of Terror” is recommended for ages 12 and up.

WHERE: Taylor Street (Beside Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street)

WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m. October 31, 2014

COST: Admission to the “Spooktacular Block Party” is **free**. There is a charge of \$3 per person for the “Tunnel of Terror.” Ticket prices for the carnival games including the interactive inflatables will vary. Guests can receive \$1 off the ticket prices (tunnel, games and inflatables) per person with the donation of three non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email kcmitchell@columbasc.net.

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Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program 2014 Accepting Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. 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.

Selection Criteria:

- Trees of superior size or stature
- Trees associated with historical events
- Trees noteworthy for their aesthetic or sentimental value, their scarcity, or even because they are great trees to climb or swing from can be nominated.
- Groups of trees will also be considered for designation when their plurality contributes to their significance

Nominated trees can be located on public or private property and can be nominated by anyone. Trees should be located in the Greater Columbia Metropolitan Area, and preference will be given to trees in locations accessible for public viewing. Nominations of trees located on private property require the signature of the property owner granting the Treasured Trees program access to the property in order to evaluate and photograph the nominated tree.

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 are due by November 15, 2014. Participants should provide their name and contact information along with a description, location and photograph of the tree. If available, please include significance or history related to the tree. Nominations may be delivered or emailed to:

City of Columbia
Forestry & Beautification Division
Treasured Trees
2910 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
Office: 803.545.3860
Fax: 803.733.8648
forestry@columbiasc.net

This program is a joint project of the City of Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, Columbia Garden Club, and The State Newspaper.

[2014 Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program Flyer](#)

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WHAT: The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center will host the 2nd annual Lupus Walk for a Cure to help support those diagnosed with lupus and their families.

WHERE: Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

WHEN: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25, 2014

COST: Individual registration: \$25 on-site; \$20 for [online early registration](#). Team registration fee is \$100 (group of 5).

For more information, call Lupus Columbia SC at 803-563-8117 or visit www.lupuscsc.org.

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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. I strongly urge interested persons to apply.

Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes

Seeking five (5) Applicants.

The City of Columbia is accepting applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes. *Applicants being sought must meet the following criteria: an architect, a landscape or urban planner, an attorney, and an individual involved in real estate.*

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 (1) 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. The Commission also advises City Council on annexations, zoning changes and approves subdivision plats/large development plans.

Term – 3 years.

Deadline – Applications are due no later than November 7, 2014, 5 p.m.

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Registration Period Open for City Hoops Instructional Basketball Program

The registration period for City Hoops, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's instructional youth basketball program is open for boys and girls ages 3 through 8.

The program is an opportunity for youth to have fun and learn basketball fundamentals.

The fee to participate is \$25 per participant. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The last day to register is November 14. The City Hoops clinics begin Monday, November 24, 2014.

Registration forms are available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

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The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists. The event also 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. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Journey Project.

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

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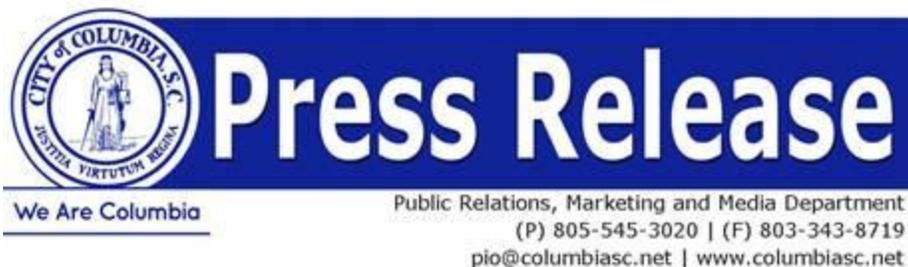
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The tunnel will reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.

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North Entrance Parking Area at Riverfront Park Closed Due to Wastewater Leak

Riverfront Park's north entrance parking area on River Drive is closed due to a wastewater leak, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced.

Access to walking trails at Riverfront Park will remain open.

The Parks and Recreation Department is working to repair the leak.

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Monday, October 27, 2014

Contact: Missy Caughman at 803-545-3201

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.

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WHEN: Monday, October 27, 2014 from 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

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

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City Council Committee Agendas for October 28, 2014

See attached for the following City Council Committee Agendas for October 28, 2014:

- Environment and Infrastructure Committee at 9 a.m.
- Public Safety Committee at 11 a.m.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, October 27, 2014

Contact: Carrie Deaton at **Office:** (803) 799-1970; **Mobile:** (803) 586-1473**The Unveiling of the 2014 “Official City Ornament”****WHO:** Mayor Steve Benjamin & Babcock Center Foundation**WHAT:** Unveiling and proclamation of the 2014 “Official City Ornament”**WHEN:** Monday, November 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.**WHERE:** South Carolina State Museum
301 Gervais Street Columbia, SC**WHY:** Each year, the Mayor of Columbia unveils the Babcock Center Foundation’s “Ornament of Opportunity” and proclaims the ornament as the “Official City Ornament”.For additional information, contact Carrie Deaton, Babcock Center at **Office:** (803) 799-1970; **Mobile:** (803) 586-1473

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City of Columbia’s “Spooktacular Block Party”

WHAT: Bring the family out for the City of Columbia’s “Spooktacular Block Party” for an evening of fun, terror, games and more. The “Spooktacular Block Party” will feature a costume contest, jugglers, stilt walker, carnival games, food trucks, exhibitors, interactive inflatables, a pumpkin patch and more!

The event also includes the “Tunnel of Terror.” Gates open at 6:30 p.m. at the Lady Street entrance. **Tickets are \$3 per person.** The “Tunnel of Terror” is recommended for ages 12 and up.

WHERE: Taylor Street (Beside Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street)

WHEN: 7 to 10 p.m. October 31, 2014

COST: Admission to the “Spooktacular Block Party” is **free**. There is a charge of \$3 per person for the “Tunnel of Terror.” Ticket prices for the carnival games including the interactive inflatables will vary. Guests can receive \$1 off the ticket prices (tunnel, games and inflatables) per person with the donation of three non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email kcmitchell@columbasc.net.

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Lincoln Street Tunnel to Close for City of Columbia's "Spooktacular" Block Party

The Lincoln Street Tunnel will be closed from Tuesday, October 28 until Saturday, November 1 due to the preparation for the City of Columbia's "Spooktacular" Block Party, the City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department announced.

The tunnel will reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.

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Monday, October 27, 2014

Contact: Ron King at (803) 545-0280

Community Development to Hold Start Fresh Financial Education Workshop

WHAT: Learn the importance of banking, budgeting, saving and building your credit at City of Columbia's Community Development Financial Education Workshop.

WHERE: 1225 Lady Street on the second floor

WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9-11 a.m.

An additional workshop will be held from 9-11 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street on Saturday, December 13, 2014

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

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Finlay Park Master Plan Online Survey

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. is asking for the community's input on the master plan for Finlay Park.

An online survey is available for citizens to provide feedback on what features or amenities they would like to see in Finlay Park. The survey will be used to help the design team identify the community's desires, needs and concerns for Finlay Park.

The survey can be [submitted online](#). **Surveys are due by 5 p.m. Friday, October 31.**

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North Entrance Parking Area at Riverfront Park Reopened

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced that Riverfront Park's north entrance parking area on River Drive is open to the public.

The parking area was closed on Saturday, October 25 after a sanitary sewer overflow.

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Let's Move! Columbia Branding and Marketing Featured in National Publication

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 featuring recipes, event ideas, parks and recreation programs and healthy living tips. Let's Move! Columbia is also featured in Columbia On the Move, the City's monthly newsletter focusing on health, wellness, parks, recreation and leisure services.

The City of Columbia has also branded related city programs as Let's Move! activities such as basketball camp, kid's cooking classes and back to school events.

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.

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City of Columbia To Hold Draft Land Use Plan 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

Format: Open house. Citizens should come during the time most convenient to them and view the material at their own pace.

Where: EdVenture Children’s Museum, 211 Gervais Street

The Canal Room (Lower Level – Entry at Facing Canal)

More Information: See attached PDF or visit www.weplantogether.org

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For Immediate Release

October 30, 2014

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing & Media, 803-545-3020

City of Columbia Holiday Closings

Garbage Collection Schedule Changes

City of Columbia offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Thanksgiving

- Thursday, November 27, 2014
- Friday, November 28, 2014
 - 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.

Christmas

- Thursday, December 25, 2014
- Friday, December 26, 2014
 - Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Thursday, December 25, 2014 will be rescheduled for Friday, December 26, 2014.
 - Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Friday, December 26, 2014 will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 27, 2014.

New Year's Day

- Thursday, January 1, 2015
 - Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Thursday, January 1, 2015 will be rescheduled for Friday, January 2, 2015.
 - Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2015 will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2015.

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Halloween Events

Thursday, Oct. 30

Lorick Park's "Scare Tactics" Haunted House

5:30-9 p.m.
1600 Lorick Avenue
803-691-9339

Friday, Oct. 31

City of Columbia's "Spooktacular Block Party"

7 to 10 p.m.
Taylor Street (Beside Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street)
803-545-3100

Woodland Park "Boo" Party

4-6 p.m.
6500 Olde Knight Parkway
803-776-1096

Pinehurst Park’s Fall Fest

5:30-7:30 p.m.
2300 Pinehurst Road
803-733-8449

Martin Luther King Jr. Park’s Haunted House

6-8 p.m.
2300 Greene Street
803-733-8452

Greenview Park’s “Spooktacular” Halloween Party

6-8 p.m.
6700 David Street
803-754-5223

Hyatt Park’s Haunted House

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950 Jackson Avenue
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Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center’s Fall Fest

5-8 p.m.
Ages 2-13
2611 Grant Street
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For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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WHERE: South Carolina State Museum
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Contact: Sara Hollar, Forestry and Beautification at 545-3860

SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2014

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

Hampton-Wildcat Neighborhood
Crosshill Neighborhood
Hampton Ridge Neighborhood Association
Heyward Park Neighborhood
Hampton Hills Homeowners
Meadowfield Neighborhood Association
Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association
Heathwood Park Neighborhood
Sherwood Forest Neighborhood
Hampton Leas Neighborhood

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's 4 Certified Arborists from the Forestry and Beautification Division.

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service. SCE&G reports an 89% improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

SCE&G and their contractors trim in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines, using ANSI A300 pruning methods leaving good cuts that will generate new growth.

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/treertrimming.

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email SCEGContactUs@SCANA.com

For continued updates from the city of Columbia follow us on Twitter [@cityofcolumbia](https://twitter.com/cityofcolumbia) or "like" the [City of Columbia](#) on Facebook.

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Related Links:

[Tree Trimming Neighborhood Maps](#)

VIDEO: [Tree Trimming: Safety, Reliability and Healthy Trees](#)

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City Manager Teresa Wilson Inducted into the 2014 Women’s Hall of Fame by SESBM

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

SESBM recognizes women who have reached senior level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry, have proven history-making feats or have attained the ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government. Last year, SESBM recognized Wilson as one of “Columbia’s Top 30 Women of Influence.”

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 Manager Teresa Wilson has also implemented the Neighborhood Improvement Plans for identified neighborhoods/communities that are experiencing an increased volume of calls for service for quality of life issues. This initiative will utilize the combined efforts of the Columbia Police Department (CPD), Code Enforcement and Zoning in order to concentrate in specific neighborhoods for 30 to 60 days. Based on GIS data and additional analysis by CPD, the effort will target neighborhoods/surrounding areas that have immediate, documented needs and require assistance.

For more information, contact Public Relations, Marketing & Media at 545-3020.

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For Immediate Release

October 31, 2014

Contact: Victoria Kramer (vlkramer@columbiasc.net) at 545-3227

Votes Help Columbia's Gamecock Water Tower Become Tank of the Year Finalist

October 31, 2014 – Columbia – 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.



Picture Caption: The Wales Garden Tower features USC Gamecock colors.

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Please contact the City of Columbia Department of Utilities and Engineering at 545-3400 or Victoria Kramer (vlkramer@columbiasc.net) at 545-3227 if you have questions. For more about the City of Columbia's Drinking Water program, visit www.columbiasc.net/drinking-water. For more about the City's Department of Utilities and Engineering, visit www.columbiasc.net/utilities-engineering



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