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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, August 31, 2014

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

Labor Day Weekend Concert Showcase

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department invites the public to bring their blankets, lawn chairs and dancing shoes to Finlay Park for the Labor Day Weekend Concert Showcase.

Concert Schedule

- The Terrence Young Experience-Sunday, August 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- The Coconut Groove Band-Monday, September 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Both concerts, which are free and open to the public, will be held at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street.

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Labor Day Concert Cancelled

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's Labor Day Weekend Concert Showcase scheduled **today, September 1, 2014**, at Finlay Park has been cancelled due to inclement weather.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2, 2014

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

Mayor Benjamin to host Ferguson Town Hall with Columbia Youth

Columbia, SC. – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin announced today that he and community leaders will come together this evening, Tuesday, September 2nd, for a town hall meeting with local youth to discuss the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri and what lessons we can apply here in Columbia.

"So much of what we see and hear on the news especially coming out of Ferguson is framed in terms of 'Us against Them' when really it's 'Us against Us,'" says Mayor Benjamin. "That's the conversation we're trying to promote here in Columbia recognizing that the challenges we face are shared and the only way we can move past them is by doing it together."

The event, scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM at the Eau Claire High School Auditorium (4800 Monticello Rd.), is co-sponsored by the Community Relations Council and will feature representatives from across Columbia including local law enforcement, educators and community leaders in addition to Mayor Benjamin and Richland County School District One Chairman Rev. Aaron Bishop.

"The purpose of this Town Hall is to have a courageous conversation about sustainable actions and behavior as we move forward," says Chairman Bishop. "This tragic incident indirectly impacted the entire nation therefore each community must responsibly move forward from the moment to a movement."

"Ferguson isn't a situation, it is a symptom of a systematic illness that is plaguing this nation. We as a society must come together to have some truth telling with hope that Columbia will never experience Ferguson frustration."

"Together, we must develop strategies to respond to contentious social and political issues," Say Henri Baskins, Executive Director of the Community Relations Council. "We are pleased that Mayor Benjamin and community leaders recognize this fact and are committed to beginning discussions that will aid in finding appropriate responses to the issues facing our community. Involving our youth is a critical part of this process."

Anyone who is unable to attend but would still like to participate can submit a relevant question or comment can do so by emailing it to spjohnson@columbiasc.net or via Twitter using the hashtag #OneCity.

For more information, contact Michael Wukela at 803-413-5052.

WHAT: Ferguson Town Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, September 2nd, 5:30 to 7:30pm

WHERE: Eau Claire High School Auditorium

4800 Monticello Road

Columbia, SC 29203

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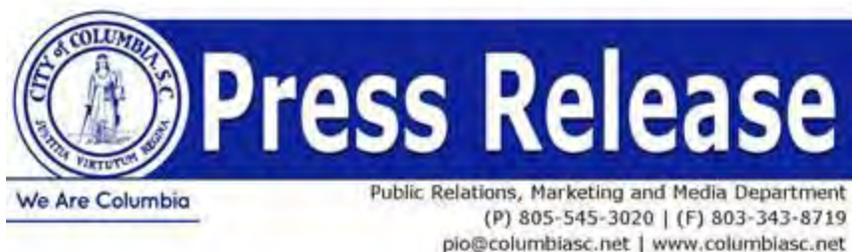
Tuesday, September 02, 2014

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

City Council Public Safety Committee Agenda for Wednesday, September 3

Please review the attached committee agenda for Wednesday, September 3 at 11 a.m.

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Tuesday, September 2, 2014

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

City of Columbia Art Center Offering New Art Workshops

The City of Columbia Art Center is offering several new art workshops during the fall.

Steam Punk Jewelry offers participants an opportunity to work with metal findings and gears to make wearable art in this new trending art fashion in jewelry. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street. The registration fee is \$60, which includes all materials. Registrations must be received by Saturday, September 6. Participants should bring their own lunch.

Learn how to make an egg basket during the **Basket Weaving Workshop** held Saturday, September 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Drive. The registration fee is \$65, and includes all supplies and tools to make the basket. The workshop is led by instructor Bonnie Geiger. The workshop is limited to a minimum of five students and maximum of 10. If the minimum is not reached by the registration deadline, September 13, the workshop will be cancelled. No cancellations after September 13. All participants must register by the deadline. Make checks and money orders payable to Bonnie Geiger.

Drawing and Painting Workshop for Children is open to youth ages 5-17. In this 3-hour workshop held on Saturday, October 4, students will learn to draw and paint, or build on existing art skills. The workshop is divided into two sessions: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (ages 5-10) and 1 to 4 p.m. (ages 11-17). Both sessions will be held at Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street. The registration fee of \$35 will provide for all of the supplies and materials necessary for the workshop. A minimum of three students and maximum of 12 students will be accepted. The deadline to register is Friday, September 26.

The **Low-Calorie Cracked Candy Mosaic Art Workshop** is a two-day workshop that will focus on mosaic art. Participants will make a 12" X 12" mosaic art piece. The workshop, taught by Sharon Funderburk, will be held on Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, October 11. Both sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street. The

registration fee of \$90 will include all supplies and materials. The deadline to register is September 20. A minimum of four students and maximum of 10 are allowed. Those participating in the workshop should bring safety glasses.

The **Collage Art Workshop** will explore the world of collage art from the traditional look to the contemporary using mixed media. Led by Sharon Funderburk, the workshop will be held Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street. A minimum of four students and a maximum of 15 will be allowed. The registration fee is \$70, which includes all materials. October 10 is the last day to register.

The Art Center and Southern Pottery have joined together to offer a Halloween style **Raku Workshop** on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This workshop includes a pre-workshop instruction on preparing pottery for Raku. Students will discuss Raku and alternate firing methods, glazing application, horsehair applications and more. The total fee for the workshop is \$85 (\$15 for pre-workshop, \$10 glazing application and \$60 instruction fee). There is a limit of 12 individuals. Audit workshop spaces are available for \$40. The workshop will be held at the Art Center. If registering through the Art Center, make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia.

Let your child create their own unique Christmas present during the **Pottery Workshop for Children** on November 1. Youth ages 5-16 can attend this 3-hour session. The workshop, which is held at the Art Center, is divided into age groups: ages 5-9 will attend the morning session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and children ages 10-16 will attend the afternoon session from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$35. The workshop is limited to a minimum of 3 students and a maximum of 12 in each session. The deadline to register is October 15.

Registration forms can be found online at www.columbiasc.net under “Parks and Recreation.” Click the “Workshops” link to view a full list of scheduled workshops.

Mail the registration form and fees to the Columbia Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC, 29201. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia unless otherwise noted.

For more information, please call the Art Center at 803-545-3093 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Contact: Sabrina Odom at 803-786-7232

City of Columbia and North Columbia Business Association to Host Annual “Grow Your City” Economic Development Luncheon

Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin will host the North Columbia Business Association’s (NCBA) fourth annual “Grow Your City” Economic Development Luncheon on Friday, September 12, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 pm. This annual event will be held at Michael’s Café and Catering in the Hampton Room, located at 1620 Main St.

Workshops for attendees will begin at 9 a.m. and this year’s presenters are:

- Jason Freier, CEO of Hardball Capital
- Mel Wallace, consultant and small business advocate
- Bob Hughes, developer

The luncheon and workshops give business owners, community leaders and municipal government leaders an opportunity to showcase projects currently under development from their areas and to learn about ongoing projects in the Midlands.

Tickets for this event are \$50 and can be purchased at the NCBA office, located at 1013 Duke Ave., or by calling 803-786-7232.

For more information, please visit www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com or call 803-786-7232.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 4, 2014

Contact: Marli Drum @ 803-776-7387

Columbia Animal Services Will Partner with Petsense for 2014 Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon

Columbia Animal Services and Petsense will partner for the annual Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon featuring games, prizes and many adoptable cats and dogs.

Adoptions will be held at both locations as follows:

- Columbia Animal Shelter (127 Humane Lane) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special adoption rate of \$50)
- Petsense (7402 Garners Ferry Rd.) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, call 803-776-PETS(7387) or to view adoptable pets, please visit www.petfinder.com.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 4, 2014

Contact: Libby Gober at 803-545-3061

Councilman Cameron Runyan to Host Open House

WHAT: City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his September Open House.

WHO: Councilman Cameron Runyan

WHERE: Jim Hamilton - L.B. Owens Airport Terminal, 1400 Jim Hamilton Blvd.

WHEN: Monday, September 29, 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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Contact: Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268

City of Columbia Launches Fundraising Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness with T-Shirt Sales

Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia Police Department Chief Skip Holbrook, Columbia Fire Department Chief Aubrey Jenkins and City staff launched the sale of official City of Columbia Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts. T-shirts are in a limited supply, so it is encouraged to submit order forms as early as possible. The deadline for pre-orders is **Friday, September 12, 2014 at 5 p.m.**

T-shirts can be purchased by filling out the attached form or in person at the following locations:

- City Hall, 1737 Main Street
- Columbia Police Department Headquarters, 1 Justice Square
- Columbia Fire Department Headquarters, 1800 Laurel Street
- Washington Square, 1136 Washington Street

All proceeds will go to Bosom Buddies, a 501(c)3 charity that assists women who need mastectomy bras or have other needs after surgery.

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

City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department Announces Youth Winter Basketball Registration Period

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's Youth Winter Basketball league begins Saturday, September 6.

Boys and girls ages 9-17 can participate in the program designed to give youth an opportunity for all to play, to learn new skills and good sportsmanship. 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.

Registration forms are also available at any community center or at Parks Administration at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

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City Manager Teresa Wilson Recognizes Finance Department Staff for Certificate of Achievement

City Manager Teresa Wilson recognized the City of Columbia Finance Department's staff today for their efforts in receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting.

The Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the first time since 2005 that the City has received this award.

"It was my honor to recognize and thank our staff for all of their hard work. Their hard work and commitment are to be commended and I could not be more proud of this outstanding achievement," said City Manager Teresa Wilson. "This has been a collective effort between our city's leaders, management and the Finance Department's team. We will continue to work diligently to sustain our strong foundation and be good stewards of the City of Columbia's finances."

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 5, 2014

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

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

In recognition of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, join the City of Columbia for Let's Move! Columbia GameDay on Saturday, September 20 in the green space next to Drew Wellness Center.

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is a free event filled with fun activities for the entire family. GameDay will feature a celebrity flag football game with former players from USC, Clemson University, VA Tech and Allen University. There also will be relay races, field games such as hopscotch, dodgeball, musical chairs and jump ropes, a scavenger hunt, live entertainment, exhibitors, healthy snacks and more!

This year's GameDay emcee is Curtis Wilson, radio host at The Big DM.

Since childhood obesity is an epidemic in our local community, Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is the perfect event for youth and their family to have fun, and learn about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.

WHAT: Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

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

WHEN: September 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nonprofit health and wellness organizations interested in being an exhibitor can register for free.

For more information about Let's Move! Columbia GameDay or to register as an exhibitor, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or weaustin@columbiasc.net.

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Bull Street Commission Meeting Agenda for Monday, September 8, 2014

The Bull Street Commission will convene on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 2 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street. The agenda is attached for your review.

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Friday, September 5, 2014

Contact: Robert Anderson at (803) 545-3782

City Year Logo To Be Repainted on Main Street

WHAT: City Year logo will be repainted on Main Street.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin, City staff and City Year Corps members

WHERE: Intersection of Main and Laurel Streets

WHEN: Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 12 p.m.

City Year was founded with a vision of active corporate citizenship and was launched entirely by private sector funds. It operates as a 501c3 nonprofit and has a local advisory board of 18 committed community members. For more information about City Year, call 803-254-3349 or visit www.cityyear.org/columbia.

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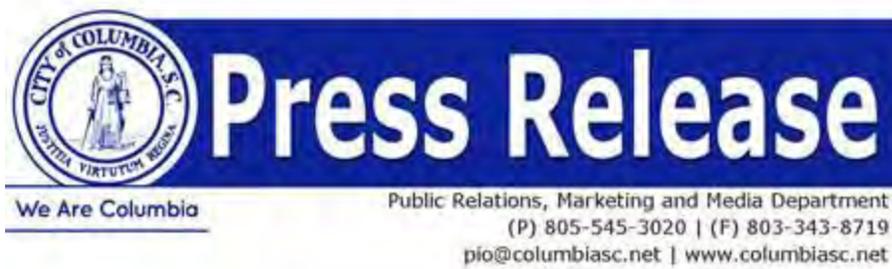
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Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast

WHAT: 2014 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast. Proceeds will go to Palmetto Health Foundation for the Bosom Buddies Fund to assist women with post-mastectomy bras and other support materials.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin, City Staff & Officials, Palmetto Health Foundation and Local Volunteers

WHERE: City Hall Parking Lot, 1737 Main Street

WHEN: Friday, October 17 from 6 – 9 a.m.

COST: Tickets are \$7

Tickets can be purchased 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

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

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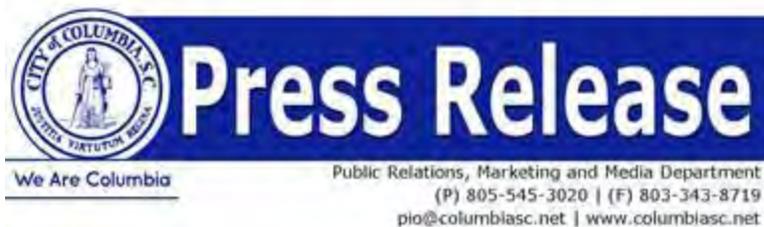
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8th Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence

The annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence 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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

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

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

In recognition of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, join the City of Columbia for Let's Move! Columbia GameDay on Saturday, September 20 in the green space next to Drew Wellness Center.

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is a free event filled with fun activities for the entire family. GameDay will feature a celebrity flag football game with former players from USC, Clemson University, VA Tech and Allen University. There also will be relay races, field games such as hopscotch, dodgeball, musical chairs and jump ropes, a scavenger hunt, live entertainment, exhibitors, healthy snacks and more!

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Since childhood obesity is an epidemic in our local community, Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is the perfect event for youth and their family to have fun, and learn about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.

WHAT: Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

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

WHEN: September 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nonprofit health and wellness organizations interested in being an exhibitor can register for free.

For more information about Let's Move! Columbia GameDay or to register as an exhibitor, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or weaustin@columbiasc.net.

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September 9, 2014

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

City receives major transportation grant

Mayor Benjamin calls TIGER funding “A dream come true”

Columbia, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin responded enthusiastically to an announcement earlier today by Congressman James E. Clyburn that the City of Columbia will receive will be receiving a highly sought after Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The grant will, worth \$10,000,000, will provide funding to the city’s Seamless City Revitalization Project to revitalize a 1.27 mile project of North Main Street between Anthony and Fuller Avenues in support of the City of Columbia’s extensive downtown streetscaping initiative.

“Combined with the Transportation Penny, today’s announcement translates into a roughly \$40 million investment in North Columbia,” said Mayor Benjamin. “That’s not just big deal, it’s a dream come true.”

“I want to thank Congressman Clyburn and Senator Graham along with city staff and everyone whose years of hard work made this day possible. Your determination and unshakable faith in what’s possible just paid off in a big way.”

“Revitalizing the North Main Corridor has been a mission of mine for years and this grant takes us one step closer to accomplishing that mission once and for all,” said District 1 Councilman Sam Davis.

Columbia was one of only two TIGER grants awarded in South Carolina.

“The announcement of the two grants is great news for our state. The City of Columbia and the port in Mount Pleasant will receive support to help boost the economy in both areas and assist in these individual projects,” Congressman Clyburn said in a release. “I am happy for both communities and look forward to seeing the progress both projects are able to make with this assistance. South Carolina is a wonderful state and this support allows us to get even better.”

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September 11, 2014

Contact: [Mary Pat Baldauf](mailto:Mary.Pat.Baldauf@cityofcolumbia.com), (803) 545-2722 or 237-6357

2014 SC Green is Good for Business Conference

Keynote Panel Will Give Businesses 13 Billion Reasons to Recycle

Recycling is good for the environment, but it also creates a \$13 billion economic impact in our state, as evidenced by the 2014 S.C. Recycling Industry Economic Impact Study. At the September 30 South Carolina Green is Good for Business Conference, leading recycling industry players will participate in a dynamic keynote panel to explore how recycling is making treasure out of trash in the Palmetto State.

Hosted by the City of Columbia and SC DHEC, this year's conference will provide attendees with hands-on sustainability skills and also delve deeper into why and how to make sustainability a core business concept. Business and sustainability experts will conduct a wide range of sessions including:

- Writing a Workplace Sustainability Plan
- Environmental Issues and Regulations Update
- Why Clean Water is Everyone's Business
- Designed to Do Green Business: The New Darla Moore School of Business
- Eco-preneurship: Making Money and Making a Difference
- The New Solar Legislation: What It Means to SC
- The Science of Climate Change
- Organics Recovery: The New Frontier
- Plus, an Exclusive Tour of the New Moore School of Business Net Zero Building

The conference also will provide an up-close and personal look at the latest sustainability products, services and technologies at the Green Expo, featuring more than 40 vendors.

Conference registration is \$75 with a discount for organizations sending three or more people. Additional details and registration information are available at <https://gig2014.eventbrite.com>.

The City of Columbia coordinates the SC Green is Good for Business Conference with a host of partners, including Lexington County, Richland County, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling, and the SC Department of Commerce. This year's sponsors include Sonoco, Pratt Industries, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 12, 2014

Contact: Sabrina Odom at 803-786-7232

City of Columbia and North Columbia Business Association are Hosting Annual Mayor's Economic Development Luncheon

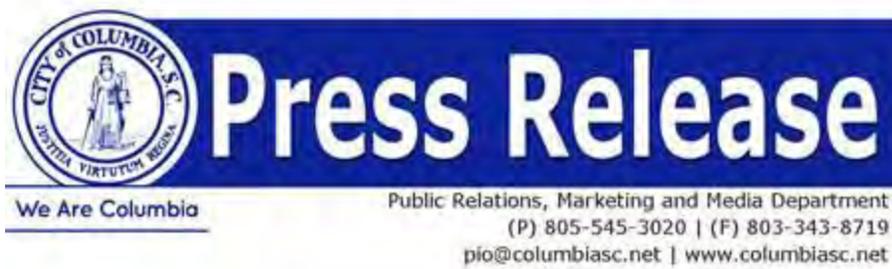
The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities and the North Columbia Business Association (NCBA) are hosting the fourth annual "Grow Your City" Mayor's Economic Development Luncheon today. This annual event is being held at Michael's Café and Catering in the Hampton Room, located at 1620 Main St.

The luncheon and workshops give business owners, community leaders and municipal government leaders an opportunity to showcase projects currently under development from their areas and to learn about ongoing projects in the Midlands.

For more information, please visit www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com or call 803-786-7232.

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Contact: Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268

City of Columbia Launches Fundraising Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness with T-Shirt Sales

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Contact: Marli Drum @ 803-776-7387

Columbia Animal Services Will Partner with Petsense for 2014 Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon

Columbia Animal Services and Petsense will partner for the annual Forever Home Adopt-A-Thon featuring games, prizes and many adoptable cats and dogs.

Adoptions will be held at both locations as follows:

- Columbia Animal Shelter (127 Humane Lane) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special adoption rate of \$50)
- Petsense (7402 Garners Ferry Rd.) – Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, call 803-776-PETS(7387) or to view adoptable pets, please visit www.petfinder.com.

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North Columbia Civic Club (Greenview)

Hampton Ridge

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



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

City Council Agendas and Committee Agenda for September 16, 2014

Please review the attached City Council Agendas and Committee Agenda for September 16, 2014.

- **Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting at 9 a.m.**
- **Work Session at 2 p.m.**
- **Council Meeting at 6 p.m.**
- **Zoning Public Hearing at 6 p.m.**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, September 15, 2014

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

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

In recognition of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, join the City of Columbia for Let's Move! Columbia GameDay on Saturday, September 20 in the green space next to Drew Wellness Center.

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is a free event filled with fun activities for the entire family. GameDay will feature a celebrity flag football game with former players from USC, Clemson University, VA Tech and Allen University. There also will be relay races, field games such as hopscotch, dodgeball, and jump ropes, a scavenger hunt, live entertainment, exhibitors, healthy snacks and more!

This year's GameDay emcee is Curtis Wilson, radio host at The Big DM.

Since childhood obesity is an epidemic in our local community, Let's Move! Columbia GameDay is the perfect event for youth and their family to have fun, and learn about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating.

WHAT: Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

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

WHEN: September 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about Let's Move! Columbia GameDay, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or weaustin@columbiasc.net

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 15, 2014

Contact: Public Relations, Marketing, and Media @ 803.545.302

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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Revised City Council Agenda for September 16, 2014

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Contact: Victoria Kramer @ vlkramer@columbiasc.net | (803) 545-3227

Portions of Monticello Rd. Closed Until Further Notice

All lanes of traffic on Monticello Rd. between I-20 and Blue Ridge Terrace are closed as the City repairs a water main break.

City crews are working to repair the break and open traffic flow as soon as possible. The City anticipates opening two lanes of traffic by Friday of this week. Complete road repairs are anticipated to be completed later this month.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience during these repairs. If you have any questions about the road closure or repairs, call the City's Customer Care Center at (803)545-3300.

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Thursday, September 18, 2014

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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 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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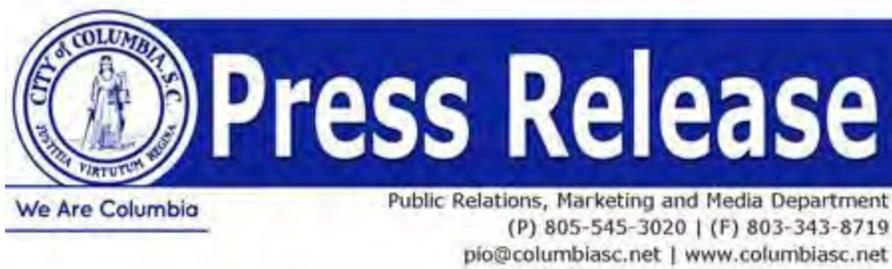
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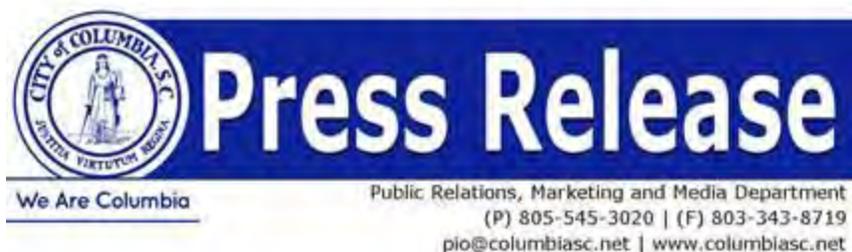
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City of Columbia Art Center Offering New Art Workshops

The City of Columbia Art Center is offering several new workshops during the fall.

Drawing and Painting Workshop for Children is open to youth ages 5-17. In this 3-hour workshop held on Saturday, October 4, students will learn to draw and paint, or build on existing art skills. The workshop is divided into two sessions: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (ages 5-10) and 1 to 4 p.m. (ages 11-17). Both sessions will be held at Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street. The registration fee of \$35 will provide for all of the supplies and materials necessary for the workshop. A minimum of three students and maximum of 12 students will be accepted. **The deadline to register is Friday, September 26.**

The **Low-Calorie Cracked Candy Mosaic Art Workshop** is a two-day workshop that will focus on mosaic art. Participants will make a 12" X 12" mosaic art piece. The workshop, taught by Sharon Funderburk, will be held on Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, October 11. Both sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street. The registration fee of \$90 will include all supplies and materials. **The deadline to register is September 30.** A minimum of four students and maximum of 10 are allowed. Those participating in the workshop should bring safety glasses.

The **Collage Art Workshop** will explore the world of collage art from the traditional look to the contemporary using mixed media. Led by Sharon Funderburk, the workshop will be held Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street. A minimum of four students and a maximum of 15 will be allowed. The registration fee is \$70, which includes all materials. **October 10 is the last day to register.**

The Art Center and Southern Pottery have joined together to offer a Halloween style **Raku Workshop** on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This workshop includes a pre-workshop instruction on preparing pottery for Raku. Students will discuss Raku and alternate firing methods, glazing application, horsehair applications and more. The total fee for the

workshop is \$85 (\$15 for pre-workshop, \$10 glazing application and \$60 instruction fee). There is a limit of 12 individuals. Audit workshop spaces are available for \$40. The workshop will be held at the Art Center. If registering through the Art Center, make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia. **Registration is due by October 18.**

Let your child create their own unique Christmas present during the **Pottery Workshop for Children** on November 1. Youth ages 5-16 can attend this 3-hour session. The workshop, which is held at the Art Center, is divided into age groups: ages 5-9 will attend the morning session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and children ages 10-16 will attend the afternoon session from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$35. The workshop is limited to a minimum of 3 students and a maximum of 12 in each session. **The deadline to register is October 15.**

The **Polymer Clay Jewelry Workshop** is a one-day workshop on creating jewelry with polymer clay. The workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 15 at the Art Center. Registration is limited to a minimum of 4 students and maximum of 12. **If the minimum is not received by the November 1 deadline, the workshop will be cancelled.** The fee to register is \$50 per person.

Registration forms can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department's ["Cultural Arts" page online](#). Click the "Workshops" link to view a full list of scheduled workshops.

Mail the registration form and fees to the Columbia Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC, 29201. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia unless otherwise noted.

For more information, please call the Art Center at 803-545-3093 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

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Contact: Tracy Chatman at 803-754-5223 or tcchatman@columbiasc.net

The Real Women Workshop

Greenview Park is hosting The Real Women Workshop, a one-day session on personal development for all women, on Saturday, September 27. This year's theme is "Speak to the Promise: The Power of Your Words." During the workshop, participants will learn how to break free from negative self-talk and self-doubt.

Speakers include Pastor Kimberly Brown, of Temple of Deliverance; motivational speakers Vernell Gaithers, LaTasha Rainey and Carla Felder; and Michael Thomas of Columbia Fitness Boot Camp.

The free workshop will be hosted by Tressia Moorehead-Gibbs, founder of Cocoa Classy digital magazine.

Participants are encouraged to wear the color green. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

WHAT: The Real Women Workshop

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

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2014

For more information or to register, please call 803-754-5223.

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Thursday, September 25, 2014

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

Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast

WHAT: 2014 Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast. Proceeds will go to Palmetto Health Foundation for the Bosom Buddies Fund to assist women with post-mastectomy bras and other support materials.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin, City Staff & Officials, Palmetto Health Foundation and Local Volunteers

WHERE: City Hall Parking Lot, 1737 Main Street

WHEN: Friday, October 17 from 6 – 9 a.m.

COST: Tickets are \$7

Tickets can be purchased 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

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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).

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2014 SC Green is Good for Business Conference

Keynote Panel Will Give Businesses 13 Billion Reasons to Recycle

Recycling is good for the environment, but it also creates a \$13 billion economic impact in our state, as evidenced by the 2014 S.C. Recycling Industry Economic Impact Study. At the September 30 South Carolina Green is Good for Business Conference, leading recycling industry players will participate in a dynamic keynote panel to explore how recycling is making treasure out of trash in the Palmetto State.

Hosted by the City of Columbia and SC DHEC, this year's conference will provide attendees with hands-on sustainability skills and also delve deeper into why and how to make sustainability a core business concept. Business and sustainability experts will conduct a wide range of sessions including:

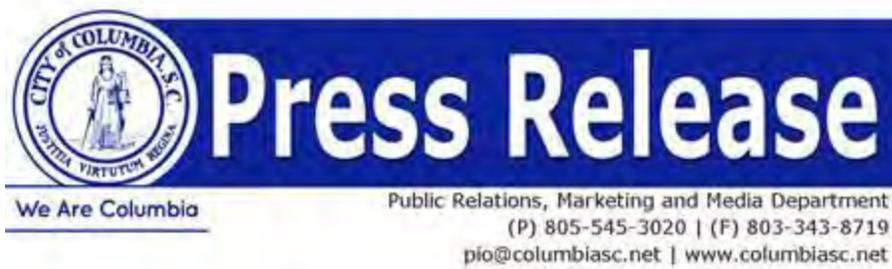
- Writing a Workplace Sustainability Plan
- Environmental Issues and Regulations Update
- Why Clean Water is Everyone's Business
- Designed to Do Green Business: The New Darla Moore School of Business
- Eco-preneurship: Making Money and Making a Difference
- The New Solar Legislation: What It Means to SC
- The Science of Climate Change
- Organics Recovery: The New Frontier
- Plus, an Exclusive Tour of the New Moore School of Business Net Zero Building

The conference also will provide an up-close and personal look at the latest sustainability products, services and technologies at the Green Expo, featuring more than 40 vendors.

Conference registration is \$75 with a discount for organizations sending three or more people. Additional details and registration information are available at <https://gig2014.eventbrite.com>.

The City of Columbia coordinates the SC Green is Good for Business Conference with a host of partners, including Lexington County, Richland County, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling, and the SC Department of Commerce. This year's sponsors include Sonoco, Pratt Industries, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA.

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

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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- Registration: 8:00 to 8:55 a.m.
- Conference: 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

WHERE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street (Top Floor)

WHO: Coordinated by the City of Columbia and their Climate Protection Action Campaign

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

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: Thursday, October 9, 2014 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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Contact: Michael Wukela, Office of the Mayor @ 803-413-5052

Mayor Benjamin welcomes 2014 Summer Mayor's Fellows

Columbia, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin today proudly announced the selection of the 2014 Fall Semester class of Mayor's Fellows.

Upon taking office, Mayor Benjamin launched the program that has welcomed over 100 students to date. It is open to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students and provides an opportunity to actively participate in the municipal government process.

Students that are interested in applying or would like additional information can access the program online at <http://www.columbiasc.net/mayor/get-involved/mayors-fellows>. For any questions regarding the program, please contact Sam Johnson at 803.545.3075 or spjohnson@columbiasc.net.

The Fall 2014 Mayor's Fellows are:

Maison Newenhouse (Arlington, VA) is a sophomore at University of South Carolina pursuing a degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Policy. Maison sees the Mayor's Fellows program as a unique opportunity to broaden his knowledge of local politics and believes the experience gained from will be invaluable in his future endeavors. After graduation, Maison plans to head back to his hometown to pursue a job at one of the various private consulting firms in the area. In his free time, he enjoys working out, attending Gamecock sporting events and reading.

Du-Wan Floyd (Columbia, SC) is a graduate student pursuing a Masters in Public Administration from South University. Du-Wan graduated from Benedict College obtaining a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. After graduation, Du-Wan will pursue his dreams of working with municipal and state levels of governmental administration. He plans to gain useful experience from the Mayor's Fellows program by engaging with the community directly and learning more about the traditional and modern concepts of government. In his free time Du-Wan enjoys mentoring undergraduate students, playing drums and riding his motorcycle.

Chloe C. Mattison (Ware Shoals, SC) is a junior at Columbia College pursuing a Political Science, History and Public Affairs triple major. her interest in the Mayor's Fellow position generates from her interests in statewide and city politics and government and hopes to use this internship as a learning experience in order to better prepare herself for public service. Chloe has a genuine passion for the homeless population in Columbia and has experience working with Transitions Homeless Rehabilitation

Center which she hopes to build upon as a Mayor's Fellow. Her long term goals are to receive a Ph.D. in History, go on to teach college level courses and, hopefully, one day run for the public office. In her free time, Chloe enjoys doing yoga, playing the guitar and traveling. In addition to her interests, Chloe also works on the Residence life staff at Columbia College, involved in Student Government, and gives tours as a C'ster at Columbia College.

Rolanda L. Caldwell (Hartford, CT) is a graduating senior at Benedict College pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Rolanda feels the Mayor's Fellow program will be a great opportunity to build a relationship with Columbia's community as well as provide a great environment for her to enhance her interpersonal skills and understand the forces that personally affects the city. Her interest was sparked by other colleagues at Benedict College who provided great feedback and experiences. After graduation, Rolanda plans to return to Connecticut, enter a graduate program to study Psychology and ultimately work for the Department of Child & Families. In her spare time she writes poetry, hangs out with sorority sisters, fulfills the duties of secretary for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and enjoys the relaxation of being alone.

Desirae Brown (Charleston, SC) is currently a senior at the University of South Carolina pursuing a degree in Hospitality with a minor in Sports and Entertainment Management. She is honored to be selected in the Mayor's Fellows Program because community involvement is important to her. Although Desirae is not from Columbia, she still believes that being involved in any community is a start to making a difference. She is currently the community service chair of the campus EMPOWER program which focuses heavily on diversity and social justice on and off campus. One of her goals in life is to continue the proven fact that women can become a major part of the sports world.

For additional event information, contact Michael Wukela at mcwukela@columbiasc.net or 803-413-5052.

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Registration Set 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.

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

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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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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 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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Mayor Benjamin participates in CityLab summit

Columbia, SC – Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin is one of only 30 mayors invited to join some of the world's top urban experts, city planners, writers, technologists, economists, and designers in Los Angeles this week to participate in the second annual "CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges" summit.

This groundbreaking project, hosted by The Atlantic in partnership with The Aspen Institute and Bloomberg Philanthropies, brings together an incredible group of global mayors and urban thinkers and engages them in conversations about the bold, scalable ideas and solutions that are transforming metro areas around the world into more livable and sustainable cities.

“It’s a true honor to be invited to participate in this remarkable summit and a wonderful opportunity to work with some of the most pioneering minds in the world,” said Mayor Benjamin. “Programs like this not only help us find new approaches and creative solutions to long standing challenges, they help put our city on the cutting edge of technology and innovation opening up a whole new world of possibilities.”

Just recently, named Best Conference of 2013 at the FAME Awards, the goal of the 3-day program is to foster constructive dialogue about issues ranging from closing the income gap to improving constituent service and create scalable solutions for city leaders to share with their constituencies across the world.

Other mayors participating alongside Mayor Benjamin include:

- Mayor Kasim Reed (Atlanta, GA),
- Mayor Eric Garcetti (Los Angeles, CA)
- Mayor Betsy Hodges (Minneapolis, MN)
- Mayor William Peduto (Pittsburg, PA)
- Mayor Mitch Landrieu (New Orleans, LA)
- Mayor Pam O'Connor (Santa Monica, CA)
- Mayor Tom Barrett (Milwaukee, WI)

- Mayor Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY)
- Mayor Jean Quan (Oakland, CA)
- Mayor Dayne Walling (Flint, MI)
- Mayor Xavier Trias (City of Barcelona, Spain)
- Mayor Nir Barkat (City of Jerusalem, Israel)
- Mayor Denis Coderre (City of Montreal, Canada)
- Mayor Yiorgos Kaminis (City of Athens, Greece)
- Mayor Dario Nardella (City of Florence, Italy)

To learn more about the 2014 CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges summit, visit <http://www.theatlantic.com/live/events/citylab/2014/>.

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