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## THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S 1ST GO RED FASHION SHOW

For the very first time the City of Columbia will host a Go Red Fashion Show. Help honor and support the women affected by heart disease, the #1 killer of women, at the Go Red Fashion Show. Proceeds will go to benefit the American Heart Association. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- City Hall, 1737 Main Street
- Jabber and Isaacs PA, Law Firm, 1419 Richland Street
- Carolina Couture, 929 Gervais Street

**WHO:** Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine is the host for this event. The fashion show will also feature celebrity models, a "City Kids" segment and attire from local retail sponsors. The grand finale will feature fashions by Sergio Hudson, a nationally renowned designer and winner of "Styled to Rock".

**WHERE:** Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 20, 2015 at 6 p.m.

For more information visit [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net) or call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.

## CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES OWNERS OF 2 FAT 2 FLY

Columbia City Council recognized 2 Fat 2 Fly owners on Tuesday, February 17 for their ongoing success.

Ramone Dickerson and Corey Simmons founded 2 Fat 2 Fly in 2007 as a Chinese restaurant. In 2010, they opened Columbia, South Carolina's first food truck and began serving their one-of-a-kind stuffed chicken wings.

"Ramone and Corey are a great example of how following your passion can lead to great things," said Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine. "I remember when the City of Columbia was struggling to decide whether or not to even allow food trucks. Now food trucks have become a big part of the dining experience in Columbia."

Their stuffed chicken wings have garnered awards both locally and nationally including being named the "Best Chicken Wings in Columbia" the Free Times, Columbia Metropolitan and The State newspaper as well as being named Capitol City Wing fling's best wings twice and Top Chef at the Farm Bureau Palmetto Palate. They also secured a reality television series which began airing on the Oprah Winfrey Network on February 28, 2015 at 10 p.m.

"Having 2 Fat 2 Fly chronicled in a national documentary series is not only great for them, but it is also great for Columbia," said Councilwoman Devine. "I look forward to seeing these young men go higher and higher."

## UPCOMING CCN MEETING DATES

March 26	General Membership Meeting
March 26	Neighborhood Awards Nomination Forms Due

\* Meetings are free and open to the public.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOST ALL ACCESS COLUMBIA

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

The purpose of All Access Columbia is to provide important resources to Columbia citizens to help build an overall sense of community. Attendees will learn ways to improve the quality of life for their neighborhood, skills on budget management and financial literacy and benefits of homeownership and home improvements tips. Additionally, two financial classes will be offered for youth. This year's classes include:

- Neighborhood Fundraising
- Crime Prevention (Gang Violence)
  - Creating Cash on a Budget
- Teenagers and Money (Grades 7 to 12)
- Climbing the Money Tree (Grades 1 to 6)
  - Rookie Home Buyer
  - Greenery Aesthetics

There will be chances to win door prizes and refreshments will be offered. The neighborhood with the most representation will win a \$250 gift card.

For more information, contact Community Development at 803-545-3373 or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).



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## ELLA'S CAFÉ MOVES TO NORTH MAIN

When asked to describe her restaurant, Ella Glover said it's "a place where friends meet" and her customers agree.

Ella's Café moved to North Main Street at the end of October of last year. Her barbeque ribs, one of a kind cornbread and friendly atmosphere have had her customers follow her from Augusta Road to Main Street and now to North Main Street.

Ella Glover has been in the restaurant industry for 17 years. She taught herself how to cook and opened her first restaurant at Taylor Pharmacy that was formally on Taylor Street.

What differs her from her soul food restaurant competitors is that she doesn't use fatty meat to flavor her dishes; she uses herbs. Also, she is the only person who cooks at her restaurant.

"Everything that comes out, I cook," said Ella. "No one knows how to cook my food like I do."

Ella's Café offers specials Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, which include one meat and three sides. Her great food and affordable pricing has brought people across Columbia into her restaurant.

"I am happy that Ella's chose to locate on North Main in the Plaza. I'm getting a lot of positive feedback regarding the food, the atmospheres and family friendly prices," said Councilman Sam Davis. "The location is within walking distance from neighborhoods along the North main corridor and patrons are coming from many parts of the downtown and eastern parts of the city. It's always a convenience to have a venue that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner at reasonable prices".

"Ella's has great food with a great atmosphere. It is a great place for family dining, business meetings and date nights," said Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine. "I love that she has plenty of healthy options on her menu so no matter what your diet is, you can find something good to enjoy."

Ella's Café is open Monday through Saturday serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ella's Café

3800 North Main Street Suite A

Columbia, SC 29203

803-661-8857



## THE CITY OF COLUMBIA RECOGNIZED 2015 MISS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL AMERICA

The City of Columbia presented the 2015 Miss South Carolina High School America, Miss Carlisle Carrington Cooper, with a certificate of achievement at the council meeting on Tuesday, February 10.

Miss Cooper is the daughter of Drs. Noble and Traci Cooper and a sophomore at Blythewood High School. Miss Cooper's pageant platform is "Carlisle's Create A Smile - Dental Health Campaign". Her statewide "Create A Smile - Dental Health Campaign" platform targets children ages one through six and is an oral health program designed to educate children about taking proper care of their teeth. The program provides children with tooth brushes, floss, toothpaste, dental care education and proper brushing and flossing techniques creating smiles "fit for a queen or king". Miss Cooper will represent the State of South Carolina in the National Miss High School America Competition in July.

The Miss High School America Pageant competition exists for the purpose of providing personal and professional opportunities for high school girls. It is the pageant system's goal to provide outstanding high school girls the opportunity to compete in a pageant system that has the highest of moral values.



## DONORS GIVE 237 PINTS AT COLUMBIA LIFESAVERS BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the American Red Cross collected 237 pints of blood at the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive today, bringing the five-year event total to 1,391 pints of blood.

Mayor Steve Benjamin, the city of Columbia, and the Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region Board of Directors joined forces for this year's drive in an effort to raise community awareness about the need for blood. The event was held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St.

"It's incredibly heartening and humbling to see so many people from all different walks of life not only willing but eager to give of themselves in service to others," said Mayor Benjamin. "It speaks volumes about our community and proves without a doubt that Columbia is a city of heroes. I thank God for the American Red Cross and everyone who came together to make this year's Lifesavers blood drive a success."

Ryan Corcoran, community CEO of the Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region, thanked the mayor, the city of Columbia, and the South Carolina Blood Services Region Board of Directors and the community for continuing the tradition of the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive.

"This year's Columbia Lifesavers blood drive is a great example of how the community can come together to make a difference in patients' lives," Corcoran said. "Thank you to all the donors who rolled up a sleeve and became heroes to patients in need."

The blood drive comes at an important time of year for the Red Cross. Winter weather and seasonal illnesses such as flu can cause a decline in blood donations. But the need for blood is constant. The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to make a commitment to giving blood regularly to ensure enough blood is available when patients need it, no matter the season.

If you were unable to participate in the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive, but would like more information about giving blood or would like to schedule a donation appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



## ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCY FOR THE MIDLANDS AUTHORITY FOR CONVENTIONS SPORTS AND TOURISM

The City of Columbia is accepting applications for the Midlands Authority for Conventions Sports and Tourism Board of Directors. The mission of the Midlands Authority for Conventions Sports and Tourism includes: directing and managing the activities and mission of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Columbia Regional Sports Council and the Columbia Regional Visitors Center; and overseeing the development and operation of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center under a long-term management agreement for the benefit of the Governmental Entities: City of Columbia, Lexington County and Richland County.

The City is seeking an individual to represent the lodging industry as required in this board's by-laws.

All applicants must work/reside within Columbia city limits.

**Deadline – Applications are due no later than Friday, March 20, 2015, 5 p.m.**

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to [cflucius@columbiasc.net](mailto:cflucius@columbiasc.net). You can also visit our website at <http://www.columbiasc.net/boards-commissions> to download an application.

### COLUMBIA ANIMAL SERVICES TO OFFER ADOPTION SPECIAL ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Cats and dogs at the Columbia Animal Shelter will be offered for \$17 on March 17, 2015. The adoption fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, Feline Leukemia/Heartworm Test, initial vaccines and deworming.

**Where: Animal Services, 127 Humane Lane, Columbia, South Carolina 29209**

For more information, contact Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS or visit [ColumbiaSC.net](http://ColumbiaSC.net).



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# Financial Education Workshop



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Workshops will be held 9-11:30 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street on the following Saturdays:

**March 21**

To register, call 803-545-0280 or email [rpking@columbiasc.net](mailto:rpking@columbiasc.net)



# Go Red Fashion Show

The City of Columbia's 1st



March 20, 2015

Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street

Reception ~ 5 p.m.

Fashion show ~ 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$25



Hosted by:  
City Councilwoman  
Tameika Isaac Devine



#GoRedColumbia



Emcee:  
WIS News Anchor  
Judi Gatson

Entertainment Provided by Comedian Nikita B



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Tickets can be purchased at City Hall, 1737 Main Street or at  
Jabber & Isaac PA, Law Firm, 1419 Richland Street

# SC Corn Bread Festival



**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

2500 Block of North Main and Newman Streets

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

\$5 Admission/ Kids 12 & under FREE!



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

Cornbread Cook-Off Contest!

Live Entertainment!

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SC Cornbread Festival Pageant!

Cornbread Eating Contest!

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

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

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