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OCT. PRESS RELEASES

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Contact: Angelo McBride at (803)-545-3960

City Partners with National Association of Minority Contractors for Joint Venture Summit

WHAT: The City of Columbia and the National Association of Minority Contractors – South Carolina have partnered to host a Joint Venture Summit. The event will provide participants with information to identify, discuss and apply practical strategies for teaming with successful companies in pursuit of construction projects.

WHERE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street

WHEN: Thursday, October 15 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

COST: \$25 Members, \$35 Non-Members

For more information or to register, visit NAMCSouthCarolina.com or call (803) 960-7271.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 01, 2015

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

Registration Open for City's Co-Ed Volleyball Program

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's 2015-2016 Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program is now open.

The recreational league is open to men and women 18 years or older. There is a \$150 fee per team.

The registration period will close Friday, October 30, 2015. The league will officially begin on Monday, November 16, 2015.

To download a registration form, please visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#) and click the "Adult 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 contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

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Thursday, October 1, 2015

Contact: City of Columbia Public and Media Relations at 803-545-3020

City Officials to Hold Press Conference Regarding Potential Heavy Rains and Flooding

WHAT: The City of Columbia is monitoring current weather conditions and the potential for heavy rains that could last throughout the weekend. City Staff will discuss preparations being made to handle the possibility of flooding and damage.

WHO: City Manager Teresa Wilson, Police Chief William Holbrook, Chief Aubrey Jenkins, and City staff.

WHERE: Council Chambers

City Hall, 3rd Floor

1737 Main St. Columbia, SC 29201

WHEN: Thursday October 1, 2015 at 2 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 01, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 803-545-3020

City Cautions Residents to be Prepared for Pending Weather

The City of Columbia urges drivers to use caution when driving during severe weather. The following streets and intersections are prone to flooding during heavy rain events. Please avoid these areas during and immediately after heavy rains. The streets and intersections listed below have a tendency to be flood prone, however, actual flooding locations will depend on storm strength, duration and location.

Adger and Devine	Harden and Read
Barnwell and Pendelton	Harden and Santee
Blossom and Henderson	Heyward and Ravenel
Blossom and Saluda	Main and Whaley
Bull and Laurel	Monroe and Maple
Columbia College and N. Main	Pickens between Wheat and Green
Franklin and Marion	Two Notch and Read
Franklin and Sumter	Wheat and Amherst
Gervais and Laurens	Wheat and Pickens
Harden and Calhoun	Wheat and Sumter

If you encounter a flooded street or intersection, turn around; do not attempt to drive through it. Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide many hazards (i.e. sharp objects, washed out road surfaces, electrical wires, chemicals, etc.). A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in a matter of seconds. Twelve inches of water can float a car or small SUV and 18 inches of water can carry away large vehicles.

Stay away from storm-damaged areas to include damaged or downed trees and power lines to keep from putting yourself at risk from the effects of severe thunderstorms.

Continue to listen to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio or to local radio and television stations for updated information or instructions, as access to roads or some parts of the community may be blocked.

Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled.

Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.

To assist with keeping the storm drainage system working properly we would ask that yard debris and other items not be placed adjacent or next to drainage structures.

For additional safety tips on driving when streets are flooded, click [HERE](#).

If you notice a storm drain which is blocked by debris please notify the Public Works Street Division at 545-3780 during regular business hours and Customer Care at 545-3300 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. An alternate non-emergency number is 803-252-2911. For emergencies please call 911.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 1, 2015

Contact: Zoning Division at 803-545-3333

Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

The Design/Development Review Commission will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, October 5th, at City Hall (City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor), 1737 Main Street. The agenda is attached for your review.

This agenda, past agendas, and the approved minutes of previous meetings can also be found here:
www.columbiasc.gov/planning-boards-commissions/pc/agendas.

Should you have questions regarding items on this agenda, please contact the Zoning Division at 803-545-3333.

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For Immediate Release

October 2, 2015

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

SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities As Scheduled for 2015

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

Distribution Line Tree Trimming:

Pinehurst Community Council

Midland Terrace Neighborhood

Druid Hills Neighborhood Association

Forest Hills North

Rochelle Heights/Victory Gardens

Bradley Community Council

Godbold Place Homeowners

Citizens with specific questions or concerns should contact Forestry and Beautification at 803-545-3860 or SCE&G at 1-800-251-7234 to meet and discuss in advance of the work being completed.

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored 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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 02, 2015

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

City of Columbia Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Centers to Close Early Due to Pending Inclement Weather

Neighborhood parks and community recreation centers in the City of Columbia will close at **6 p.m. today** due to pending inclement weather, the Parks and Recreation Department announced.

All activities and events scheduled for this evening at those locations have been cancelled.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 2, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 803-545-3020

City Prepares for Potential Severe Weather

In preparation for the potential severe weather, City of Columbia officials are urging residents to closely monitor the weather forecasts and use extreme caution on the roadways.

“We continue to be focused primarily on the safety of our citizens as we prepare for potential severe weather. We are taking all precautions to prepare our roadways and staff our public safety departments at full force,” City Manager Teresa Wilson stated.

The City of Columbia’s Inclement Weather Center will open today at 7 p.m., in partnership with United Way of the Midlands, The Salvation Army, The COMET and Midlands Housing Alliance. Adult men and women who need to use the Inclement Weather Center can be picked up between 7 - 8 p.m. at Transitions, 2025 Main Street (Calhoun Street side). Guests are not required to register in advance, however, they must be transported from Transitions.

The following streets and intersections are prone to flooding during heavy rain events. Actual flooding locations will depend on storm strength, duration and location. Please avoid these areas during and immediately after heavy rains.

Adger and Devine	Harden and Santee
Barnwell and Pendleton	Heyward and Ravenel
Blossom and Henderson	Main and Whaley
Blossom and Saluda	Monroe and Maple
Bull and Laurel	Oakland and Randall
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Harden and Calhoun	Wheat and Sumter
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Stay away from storm-damaged areas to include damaged or downed trees and power lines to keep from putting yourself at risk from the effects of severe thunderstorms.

Columbia Animal Services

The Columbia Animals Services reminds citizens to take extra care of outdoor pets. All pets must be provided with proper shelter that will protect them from the rain and wind and placed out of low lying areas where flooding might occur. Please contact Columbia Animal Services at 776-7387 for more information about pet safety.

Severe Weather Tips

- Continue to listen to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio or to local radio and television stations for updated information or instructions, as access to roads or some parts of the community may be blocked.

- Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled.

- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.

- To assist with keeping the storm drainage system working properly we would ask that yard debris and other items not be placed adjacent or next to drainage structures.

Columbia-Richland 911 Communications

Effective immediately, Emergency Standby Status is activated for all Columbia-Richland 911 Communications personnel. CRC 9-1-1 will be staffed at appropriate staffing levels to accommodate the anticipated increased call volume. Adjustments to staffing levels will be made (up or down) as the weather dictates. 911 should be called for emergencies only.

Public Works

If you notice a storm drain which is blocked by debris please notify the Public Works Street Division at 803-545-3780 during regular business hours and Customer Care at 803-545-3300 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. An alternate non-emergency number is 803-252-2911.

For additional safety tips on driving when streets are flooded, click [HERE](#). For more information about Sanitary Sewer Overflows, click [HERE](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 803-545-4418

City’s Emergency Operations Center Monitors Severe Weather

Inclement Weather Center to Reopen Tonight

City of Columbia officials are urging residents to closely monitor the weather forecasts and use extreme caution on the roadways. City Manager Teresa Wilson and the Emergency Preparedness Team continue to review operations for severe weather to prepare the City for consecutive rainfall.

“We continue to be focused primarily on the safety of our citizens as we prepare for potential severe weather. We are taking all precautions to prepare our roadways and staff our public safety departments at full force,” City Manager Teresa Wilson stated.

The City of Columbia’s Inclement Weather Center will reopen this evening at 7 p.m., in partnership with United Way of the Midlands, The Salvation Army, The COMET and Midlands Housing Alliance. Adult men and women who need to use the Inclement Weather Center can be picked up between 7 - 8 p.m. at Transitions, 2025 Main Street (Calhoun Street side). Guests are not required to register in advance, however, they must be transported from Transitions. Meals will be served at Transitions starting at 5:30p.m. All guests will return to Transitions between 7 – 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, and will be served breakfast.

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Severe Weather Tips

- Continue to listen to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio or to local radio and television stations for updated information or instructions, as access to roads or some parts of the community may be blocked.
- Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.
- To assist with keeping the storm drainage system working properly we would ask that yard debris and other items not be placed adjacent or next to drainage structures.

Columbia-Richland 911 Communications

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Public Works

If you notice a storm drain which is blocked by debris please notify the Public Works Street Division at 803-545-3780 during regular business hours and Customer Care at 803-545-3300 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. An alternate non-emergency number is 803-252-2911.

For additional safety tips on driving when streets are flooded, click [HERE](#). For more information about Sanitary Sewer Overflows, click [HERE](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 803-545-4418

City Continues Severe Weather Operations

The Midlands region has experienced major flooding overnight. The City of Columbia remains active in our response to all incoming calls and known problem areas. Rescues are priority calls until conditions improve. All residents are encouraged to remain indoors during this hazardous weather.

Overview of Current Conditions

- 200 Evacuations/Rescues pending
- Arcadia Woods Lake dam breached as a result of unprecedented flooding
- 8 confirmed sanitary sewer overflows
- 8 trees down
- High volume of displaced homeowners
- High number of stranded cars in low lying areas

Road Closures

- Pinebelt and Chester
- North Main and Mason (sink hole)
- I-20 (from Two Notch to I-77) is closed in both directions
- 277 at Farrow
- I-77 ramps at Jackson Blvd shutdown due to high water
- Ft. Jackson Blvd and Devine (power outage for this entire corridor)
- Gills Creek Parkway
- South Beltline – 1500 block has power outage, lines down
- Rosewood at Midlands Tech
- Lost Creek Dr.

- Lakewood between Trenholm Rd. and into Shady Ln.
- Trotter and Leesburg
- 1300/ 1400 blocks of Sunset Drive

**This list will continue to be updated as weather conditions change.*

All low lying areas have experienced flooding and many are still underwater. More rain is expected, so areas that may have receded from earlier flooding are subject to repeat flooding.

Shelter

The City's Inclement Weather Center remains open and will be utilized as necessary.

Drinking Water

There are currently no known boil water advisories in effect, however investigations are being conducted for two areas of reported water outages and boil water advisories will be issued as necessary.

Sanitary Sewer System

The Sanitary Sewer System is operating at full capacity. There are 8 confirmed overflows as a result of wet weather conditions. For more information about Sanitary Sewer Overflows, click [HERE](#).

Columbia-Richland 911 Communications

Effective immediately, Emergency Standby Status is activated for all Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications personnel. CRC 9-1-1 is currently experiencing an overload of phone calls. Every workstation is manned and the activated the back-up center has been activated with additional staffing. Please call 9-1-1 for life threatening emergencies only. An alternate non-emergency number is 803-252-2911.

Severe Weather Tips

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Public Works

If you notice a storm drain which is blocked by debris please notify the Public Works Street Division at 803-545-3780 during regular business hours and Customer Care at 803-545-3300 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has established a toll-free number for citizens with storm-related questions. Please call 1-866-246-0133 for inquiries associated with the severe weather conditions in the state. The Public Information Phone System will operate 24-hours a day while hazardous conditions persist.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 803-545-4418

City of Columbia Severe Weather Update

The Midlands region is continuing to experience major flooding. The City of Columbia remains active in our response to all incoming calls and known problem areas. Life-safety calls are priority calls until conditions improve. All residents are encouraged to remain indoors during this hazardous weather.

Overview of Current Conditions

- One confirmed fatality of a victim trapped inside a vehicle on Sunset Blvd
- City of Columbia/Richland County Mandatory Curfew
 - o Sunday, October 4-6, 2015 from 6 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- Evacuations/Rescues pending
- Arcadia Lake, Forest Lake, Rhymer dam breached as a result of unprecedented flooding
- Sinkhole located in the vicinity of 6800 block of N. Main St
- High volume of displaced homeowners
- High number of stranded cars in low lying areas
- Non-emergency callers are urged to City of Columbia Customer Care Center at 803-545-3300

Road Closures

- Pinebelt and Chester
- I-20 (from Two Notch to I-77) is closed in both directions
- 277 at Farrow
- I-77 ramps at Jackson Blvd shutdown due to high water
- Ft. Jackson Blvd and Devine (power outage for this entire corridor)

- Gills Creek Parkway
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Shelter

The City's Inclement Weather Center is closed at this time. Evacuees were moved to Rosewood Baptist Church and Transitions.

Drinking Water

The City of Columbia Water Works advises **all** of its **water customers** to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking. The City of Columbia has experienced numerous water line breaks throughout its distribution system. In addition, the Canal Water Treatment Plant is experiencing historically difficult conditions. The City has a multitude of water line breaks, which has resulted in significant outages and a loss of pressure. To view more details about the citywide boil water advisory, click [HERE](#).

Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City's wastewater treatment plant is operating at limited capacity. The Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) has experienced multiple power outages, but currently has power. The MWWTP is inundated with flood waters and will continue to operate as long as possible.

Sanitary Sewer System

The Sanitary Sewer System is operating at full capacity with an unconfirmed number of overflows as a result of wet weather conditions. For more information about Sanitary Sewer Overflows, click [HERE](#).

Columbia-Richland 911 Communications

Effective immediately, Emergency Standby Status is activated for all Columbia-Richland 9-1-1 Communications personnel. CRC 9-1-1 is currently experiencing an overload of phone calls. Every workstation is manned and the activated the back-up center has been activated with additional staffing. Please call 9-1-1 for life threatening emergencies only. An alternate non-emergency number is 803-252-2911.

Severe Weather Tips

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For additional safety tips on driving when streets are flooded, click [HERE](#).

Public Works

If you notice a storm drain which is blocked by debris please notify the Public Works Street Division by calling the City of Columbia Customer Care at 803-545-3300.

Storm-Related Information Line

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has established a toll-free number for citizens with storm-related questions. Please call 1-866-246-0133 for inquiries associated with the severe weather conditions in the state. The Public Information Phone System will operate 24-hours a day while hazardous conditions persist.

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has setup a toll-free telephone line has been established for public inquiries associated with the severe weather conditions in the state.

Citizens with storm-related questions can call 1-866-246-0133. The Public Information Phone System (PIPS) will operate 24-hours a day while hazardous conditions persist.

People with life-threatening emergencies should contact 911

Non-emergency call classifications: Water, Sewer, Streets, and/or Tree calls should be referred to the Customer Care Center, 803-545-3300.

The following streets and intersections are prone to flooding during heavy rain events. Please avoid these areas during and immediately after heavy rains.

Main and Whaley	Wheat and Amherst	Harden and Read
Gervais and Laurens	Adger and Devine	
Blossom and Henderson	Wheat and Sumter	Harden and Calhoun
Blossom and Saluda	Wheat and Pickens	
Harden and Santee	Heyward and Ravenel	Franklin and Marion
Monroe and Maple		
	Pickens between Wheat and Green	Franklin and Sumter
Two Notch and Read	Barnwell and Pendelton	
		Columbia College and N. Main
		Bull and Laurel

Disclaimer: Locations above are places known to be flood prone. Actual flooding locations will depend on storm strength, duration and

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Rescue Centers

St. Andrews Middle School

Seven Oaks Recreation Center

Dreher High School

A.C. Flora High School

Lower Richland High School

Pontiac Elementary

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OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 4, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Due to the extreme weather conditions, the City of Columbia offices will be closed tomorrow, October 5, 2015, for all city operations, with the exception of essential services. City leadership will continue to monitor the weather and will make any necessary changes if the weather situation worsens overnight.

Any updates regarding public safety conditions will be provided as information becomes available.

Garbage and recyclables will not be collected.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 4, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

City Working to Restore Customer Water Services

Due to water main breaks in the City's water system, many residents are without water. The most impacted areas from the outage are greater downtown Columbia and South East Richland County.

The City is working to repair and restore customer water services. Customers should be prepared to potentially be without water service for 3 to 4 days, however, an update will be provided at noon on Monday, October 5, 2015.

Please email customercare@columbiasc.net to report any water outages.

For more information about flood water concerns, visit <http://www.scemd.org>.

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Monday, October 5, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk at 803-429-5588

City Council to Hold Emergency Meeting

Columbia City Council will hold an emergency meeting regarding the Proclamation of State of Emergency enacted on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, at 1225 Lady Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room on Monday October 5, 2015 at 3 p.m.

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Monday, October 05, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department at 803-545-4418

City to Provide Update on First Responders Search/Rescue Missions and Water Services

City of Columbia officials will hold a press conference to provide updates on the First Responders search/rescue missions and the city's water services **today, Oct. 5, 2015** at 2 p.m. at 1225 Lady Street, 1st Floor.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 5, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

Citywide Boil Water Advisory Effective Until Further Notice

City officials remind **all water customers** to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking.

The City of Columbia has experienced numerous water line breaks throughout its distribution system. In addition, the Canal Water Treatment Plant is experiencing historically difficult conditions which may impact finished water quality. These factors could possibly result in bacterial contamination of the water. Water customers should continue to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking until otherwise notified by the City of Columbia Water Works. Also, any ice made from water that has not been boiled should not be used for drinking purposes.

The City of Columbia Water Works is presently working to correct the problem.

All food processors and restaurants should comply with prescribed USDA and SC DHEC recommendations, respectively. Should you have any questions pertaining to this advisory, please call the Lexington/Richland County Environmental Services at 896-0620 or the South Carolina Hospitality Association at 765-9000.

Questions concerning healthcare facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities should be directed to the SC DHEC Division of Health Licensing at 545-4370.

The City of Columbia Customer Care Call Center, 545-3300, may answer other inquiries concerning this Advisory.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 5, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

CITY OFFICES CLOSED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Due to the extreme weather conditions, the City of Columbia offices will be closed tomorrow, October 6, 2015, for all city operations, with the exception of essential services. City leadership will continue to monitor the weather and will make any necessary changes if the weather situation worsens overnight.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 5, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

City Announces Water Distribution Sites for Drinking Water

City of Columbia officials held a press conference today to announce water distribution sites and to provide details on water service, the City's FEMA Type I request and United Way of the Midlands' disaster relief fund.

Water Distribution Sites

Water distribution sites opened today from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and will reopen tomorrow, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. The City's water distribution sites have been set up at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street and Wal-Mart, 5424 Forest Drive. Each site will be staffed with National Guard soldiers, who will hand out bottled water.

In addition to the City's water distribution sites, Richland County has set up two locations at Lower Richland High School, 2615 Lower Richland Blvd. and 3700 Landmark Drive with the same hours of operation. The City and the County will each open three additional sites, providing a total of 10 water distribution locations for citizens. These locations will be announced tomorrow, Oct. 6, 2015.

Water Services Updates

- Due to a breach at the Columbia Canal, crews are in the process of making repairs to restore normal operations.
- Many downtown water customers have experienced increased water pressure, however, it may not be sustainable.
- Reported Water Outages as of Oct. 5 at 4:30 p.m. – [Download PDF](#)
- The Customer Care Center staff is working diligently to answer calls as quickly as possible. Citizens can expect delays based on the high volume of calls. Please call 803-545-3300 as an alternate non-emergency contact or email customercare@columbiasc.net.

For additional information about drinking water tips, click [HERE](#).

FEMA Type I Request

On Saturday, Oct. 3 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved and declared Federal Disaster Aid for the State of South Carolina. This aid consists of assistance for the State, Tribal and affected local governments. The City of Columbia has requested a FEMA Type I designation. This type of incident is the most complex, requiring national resources for safe and effective management and operations. (Source: [SCEMD](#))

Disaster Relief Fund

United Way of the Midlands is working with local government and many of their partner agencies as well as community and faith groups to aid in relief efforts for people affected by the recent flooding. To make a contribution to these efforts, please visit <https://www.uway.org/news/flood-disaster-relief-fund>.

All donations will go directly to support relief efforts for those affected by the October floods in the Midlands of South Carolina. United Way of the Midlands will not charge or collect administrative fees.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

City Announces Additional Water Distribution Sites

In addition to the water distribution sites announced on Monday, Oct. 5 by City of Columbia officials, three new sites are opening today at 3:30 p.m. The water distribution sites and hours of operations are listed below:

Water Distribution Sites	Hours of Operation
Dutch Square (former Belk parking lot), 421 Bush River Road	3:30- 6:30 p.m.
Midlands Shopping Center, 2638 Two Notch Road	3:30- 6:30 p.m.
Former Sam's Club parking lot, 1401 Sunset Blvd.	3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wal-Mart, 5424 Forest Drive	Now – 6:30 p.m.
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street	Now – 2 p.m.

Each site will be staffed with National Guard soldiers, who will hand out bottled water. There will a limited number of bottles per person.

For additional information about drinking water tips, click [HERE](#).

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Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street	Now – 2 p.m.

****Drivers headed to the former Sam's Club Parking lot location should head east bound (from N. Main) on Sunset Drive and NOT west bound (from 277).***

Tomorrow, October 7th all sites with the exception of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center will be open from 8:30 a.m until 6:30 p.m.

Each site will be staffed with National Guard soldiers, who will hand out bottled water. There will a limited number of bottles per person.

For additional information about drinking water tips, click [HERE](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 6, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

City Offices Closed Wednesday, October 7

Due to inclement weather, City of Columbia offices will be closed tomorrow, October 7, 2015, for all city operations, with the exception of essential services. City leadership will continue to monitor weather conditions and make any necessary changes if the weather situation worsens overnight.

Any updates regarding public safety conditions will be provided as information becomes available.

Garbage and recyclables will not be collected.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 5, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

City of Columbia Works to Stabilize Columbia Canal

The City of Columbia Utilities and Engineering Department along with SCE&G and the National Guard are currently working to stabilize and maintain water levels at the Columbia Canal that will allow the Water Treatment Plant to continue operating.

On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, the National Guard used its CH-47 Chinook to place construction equipment that will be used to create a temporary dam in order to stabilize the minimum water levels of the Columbia Canal.

“While we still have a while to go, these repair efforts are a huge stride forward in the City’s efforts to secure this vital drinking water source and bring reliable drinking water service back to its customers,” City Manager Teresa Wilson stated.

Crews will continue working throughout the night to maintain the minimum water level in the canal.

Work will continue tomorrow morning, October 7th, when 750, one ton sandbags will be maneuvered to further help in stabilizing the canal.

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**photo attached*

Thursday, October 8, 2015
Contact: Public and Media Relations Department at 803-545-4418

City Officials to Provide Updates on Canal Breach, Water and Sewer Systems

WHAT: City officials will provide an update on the following:

- Columbia Canal Rehabilitation Project
- Water Services
- Wastewater systems

WHO: Columbia City Council, City Manager Teresa Wilson, and staff.

WHERE: 1225 Lady Street, Lobby

WHEN: Thursday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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WHERE: (UPDATED LOCATION) Coble Plaza, 211 Gervais Street

WHEN: Thursday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-240-9207

City to Open Nine Water Filling Stations

City officials announce the opening of nine (9) potable water filling stations starting Friday, October 9. Residents will need to bring their own clean containers to the water filling stations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The National Guard will be on site providing assistance.

Water Filling Stations	Hours of Operation
Fire Station 4, 446 Spears Creek Church Road	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fire Station 18, 7401 Fairfield Road	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fire Station 29, 121 Old Congaree Run	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Southeast Park, 951 Hazelwood Road	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Water at these sites is being supplied by a water purification technology unit on loan from Water Missions International. Licensed drinking water plant operators from the South Carolina Water and Wastewater Response Network have volunteered to run this unit.

As a reminder, below are the eight (8) City and County bottled water distribution sites and hours of operation.

Bottled Water Distribution Sites	Hours of Operation
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3700 Landmark Drive	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Lower Richland High School, 2615 Lower Richland Boulevard	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Gadsden Community Center, 1660 South Goodwin Circle	8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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City to Open Ten Water Filling Stations

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Thursday, October 8, 2015
Contact: Public and Media Relations Department at 803-422-3057

City Officials to Provide Media Briefing

WHAT: City Officials to provide media briefing.

WHO: Columbia City Council, City Manager Teresa Wilson, and staff.

WHERE: TBD

WHEN: Friday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m.

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Friday, October 9, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk at 803-429-5588

City Council Briefing

Members of the Columbia City Council will receive a Telephone Briefing for information purposes only on the Columbia Canal remediation efforts on Friday, October 09, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street at 10:00 a.m. Please note that no discussion or action will be taken during this briefing. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

The City Manager and City Staff will hold a Press Briefing on Friday, October 09, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street at 11:00 a.m. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday October 9, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations Department @ 803-545-4418

Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence Cancelled

Participants encouraged to volunteer in purple

In light of the major recovery effort underway due to the October 2015 Flood, the Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence has been cancelled. Instead of walking on Saturday morning, October 10th, Mayor Steve Benjamin and Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine encourages anyone who was planning to walk, to put on their purple gear and take steps in their local neighborhoods to assist with the cleanup and volunteer efforts.

To volunteer or donate:

[United Way of the Midlands](#)

[American Red Cross](#)

South Carolina ranks number one in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men. If you are a victim of domestic violence or know a victim, call sister-care at 800-637-7606 for assistance.

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For Immediate Release

Friday, October 9, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-240-9207

City Mandates Irrigation Shut-off

Boil Water Advisory Still in Effect

Effective immediately, City officials are mandating that all irrigation systems hooked up to City water be turned off until further notice. Anyone owning or operating an irrigation system in the City water service area should turn off the system at its base. This will also ensure that if there are any breaks in an irrigation system, these leaks will not contribute to further water loss.

As the City continues efforts to provide alternative water sources to the Columbia Canal Water Treatment Plant while the Canal is being repaired, all water customers are also encouraged to voluntarily minimize water use.

The City is also examining possible restrictions for large water consumption customers. This is in an effort to prioritize its water for basic service needs such as drinking, cooking, and sanitation.

As a reminder, most of the City water service area remains under a Boil Water Advisory. Customers in the Town of Chapin and nearby areas are no longer under a boil water advisory, ([download map](#)) and details below. All other water customers are still under the advisory and should follow the City's [drinking water advisory guidelines](#). In addition, city officials are asking citizens to continue minimizing water usage until further notice. By conserving water, residents will assist the City in protecting one of the region's main water sources while repairs are being completed.

The City of Columbia Water Works advises the water customers of the **Chapin Area**, located in **Lexington** and **Richland** County, along the following areas: Town of Chapin, Areas near the Columbia Lake Murray Plant. The southernmost boundary of this advisory is along Hwy 6 at the Lake Murray Plant, customers on Farming Creek Road, customers on Broad River Road down to Geology Circle. This notice is to inform customers in these areas that they no longer need to boil their water prior to drinking or cooking.

Following an intense flushing of the distribution system, bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed by the City of Columbia Water Works. The results of this sampling indicate that the system is safe to use for drinking and cooking purposes.

Should you have any questions concerning this repeal of the Boil Water Advisory, you may call the City of Columbia Customer Care Call Center at 545-3300.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday October 9, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-240-9207

City to Open Water Filling Stations

City officials announce the opening of potable water filling stations starting Friday, October 9. Residents will need to bring their own clean containers to the water filling stations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until the boil water advisory is lifted. The National Guard will be on site providing assistance.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 9, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-429-5588 and Leshia Utsey, PR & Media Relations Director, at 422-3057

City Council Briefing and Press Briefing Tomorrow, Saturday October 10

Members of the Columbia City Council will receive a telephone briefing for information purposes only on the Columbia Canal remediation efforts on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street at 10:00 a.m. Please note that no discussion or action will be taken during this briefing. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

The City Manager and City staff will hold a press briefing on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at The Terrace at Coble Plaza inside the café at (EdVenture) at 211 Gervais Street at 11:00 a.m. The cafe is adjacent to the area where the press briefings were held earlier this week on The Terrace level. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

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Thursday, October 8, 2015
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WHEN: Thursday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Contact: Solid Waste Division @ 803-545-3800

City of Columbia Solid Waste Services Return to Normal Schedule

The City of Columbia Solid Waste Division will resume regular garbage and recycling services on Monday, October 12, 2015, with the exception of yard waste.

Currently, the Solid Waste Division is focusing on storm debris cleanup and will suspend regular yard waste pickup services until Monday, October 19, 2015.

Garbage and recycling services may be limited in storm areas due to street access and roadway safety.

To stay informed on Solid Waste services, residents can download the free “Columbia, SC Solid Waste” app on iPhone and Android or sign up online at the City’s website for notifications via email, phone call or text message, among other options.

For more information or to report lost roll carts, please visit www.columbiasc.net/solid-waste or call the Solid Waste Division at 803-545-3800.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, October 11, 2015

City Announces Partial Repeal of System-wide Boil Water Advisory as of Oct. 11

The City of Columbia Water Works advises the water customers of the **Irmo, Dutch Square, and Saint Andrews areas and all City Of Columbia water customers located west of the Broad River**, located in **Richland and Lexington** Counties, that they no longer need to boil their water prior to drinking or cooking.

In addition, customers located in **northeast Columbia in the areas between Percival Road and Hard Scrabble Road, north of Sparkleberry Lane and North Brickyard Road** no longer need to boil their water prior to drinking or cooking. These locations include areas in and around the **Village at Sandhills, Lake Carolina, the Summit, the Woodlands and Woodcreek Farms Subdivisions**, located in **Richland** County.

Following an intense flushing of the distribution system, bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed by the City of Columbia Water Works. The results of this sampling indicate that the system is safe to use for drinking and cooking purposes.

Should you have any questions concerning this repeal of the Boil Water Advisory, you may call the City of Columbia Customer Care Call Center at 545-3300.

In addition to those areas included above in this repeal, customers in the following areas are also included as part of the repeals issued on October 7th and 10th: Town of Chapin, Ballentine, around Hwy 6 at the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant, customers on Farming Creek Road and customers along Broad River Road down to Geology Road to include the Lost Creek Drive and Chestnut Hills area. North of Interstate 20, west of Hardscrabble Road, and east of the Broad River, as well as the area along Parkridge Drive between Harbison Boulevard and Lake Murray Boulevard.

Please refer to the attached map for the locations affected by today's repeal and the previous repeals.

All other water customers are still under the advisory and should follow the City's [drinking water advisory guidelines](#). In addition, city officials are asking citizens to continue minimizing water usage until further notice. By conserving water, residents will assist the City in protecting one of the region's main water sources while repairs are being completed.

**Please see the attached documents*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, October 10, 2015

**City of Columbia Honor Walk and Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast
Cancelled**

Due to the city's ongoing flood recovery efforts, the City of Columbia Honor Walk scheduled for Monday, October 12, and the Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast scheduled for Friday, October 16 have been cancelled.

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For Immediate Release

October 11, 2015

Columbia Fire Department Partnering with Palmetto Health

CFD is providing resource to assist with an aid station in one community affected by Flood Joaquin

The Columbia Fire Department is partnering with Palmetto Health over the next several days to provide a resource, Metropolitan Emergency Response Vehicle (medical bus) for a community first aid station for the citizens of the area near South Beltline.Blvd.

Volunteer physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and paramedics from Richland County EMS are providing care to those who need wound care, tetanus evaluation/update and general medical care.

CFD and Palmetto Health will be set up at 100 Whispering Pines Circle on October 12th from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

DETAILS:

Who: The Columbia Fire Department and Palmetto Health

What: The Columbia Fire Department is partnering with Palmetto Health to provide a resource, Metropolitan Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV-1) during community equipped with a first aid station for the citizens near the South Beltline area. Physicians and nurses will be on hand to provide tetanus shots and basic care.

When: Monday, October 12, 2015 from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m..

Where: 100 Whispering Pines Circle (near South Beltline)

*See attached photos for Metropolitan Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV-1)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, October 11, 2015

City Offices to Reopen Monday, October 12

City of Columbia offices will resume operations on Monday, October 12, 2015. City employees should report to work at their scheduled time and normal location. We understand some employees affected by the flooding may not be able to return to work. Employees who are unable to report should contact their immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

The City's Solid Waste Division will resume regular garbage and recycling services on Monday, with the exception of yard waste. The Solid Waste Division is focusing on storm debris cleanup and will suspend regular yard waste pickup services until Monday, October 19, 2015.

Garbage and recycling services may be limited in storm areas, due to street access and roadway safety.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

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

Columbia City Council - CANCELED Work Session

Please be advised that the Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. has been CANCELED.

City Council is scheduled to hold a Work Session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and a Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-240-9207

Flood Repair Permitting Open House

The City of Columbia will hold two open houses to answer questions about the City's flood repair and rebuilding permitting process.

On Tuesday, October 13, 2015, from 6-8 PM, the open house will be held at the C.R. Neal Dream Center located at 2430 Atlas Road, Columbia, SC, 29209. On Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 6-8 PM, the open house will be held at Kilbourne Park Baptist Church located at 4205 Kilbourne Rd, Columbia, SC, 29206.

The Flood Repair Permitting Open Houses are designed to answer homeowner and contractor questions about the permitting application process in a one-on-one setting. Spanish interpreters will be available at both open houses.

Flood Repair Permitting Open House attendees can learn whether their property is in a floodplain, pick up the permit application packet, determine their property value, and have any questions regarding the application process answered. No permits will be issued at these meetings. Permits can only be issued from the City at Washington Square (1136 Washington Street).

City of Columbia residents can find out more about the City's floodplain permitting policy at <http://www.columbiasc.net/headlines/100420151500-flood>. To determine if you are eligible to receive disaster assistance, please go to <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

Pet of the Week: Meet Bubba! (ID# A216391)

Bubba is a four-year-old Labrador retriever mix. He is a large dog looking for a larger than life home. Bubba loves people but would need to be the #1 pet in the household. He has been neutered and is also micro-chipped.

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

Keeping Pets Safe during the Flood Recovery

The City's Columbia Animal Shelter advises pet owners to take precautionary measures to keep pets safe after the flood. When feeding your pets, boil water if your area is still under boil water advisory. If pets consume contaminated water it could cause them to become very ill. Also, keep pets away from contaminated areas or areas filled with debris. Inspect the area around your house and yard for hazards such as sharp objects, dangerous materials and live wires.

If a pet was lost during the flood please continue to check with the Columbia Animal Shelter daily.

For more information regarding pet safety or pet care please call the Columbia Animal Shelter at 803-776-PETS.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Boil Water Advisory: Audubon Oaks Subdivision

(Audubon Oaks Way, Willow Fork Way, Audubon Court, Maple Tree Court, Plum Wood Court)

The City of Columbia Water Works advises the water customers of **the Audubon Oaks Subdivision (Audubon Oaks Way, Willow Fork Way, Audubon Court, Maple Tree Court, Plum Wood Court)**, located in Richland County, to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking. Also, any residents near the affected area who have lost water and/or water pressure are also advised to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking.

The City of Columbia has experienced an eight-inch water main break. This could possibly result in bacterial contamination of the water in **the Audubon Oaks Subdivision (Audubon Oaks Way, Willow Fork Way, Audubon Court, Maple Tree Court, Plum Wood Court)**. Water customers should continue to vigorously boil their water for at least one (1) full minute prior to drinking or cooking until otherwise notified by the City of Columbia Water Works. Also, any ice made from water that has not been boiled should not be used for drinking purposes.

The City of Columbia Water Works is presently working to correct the problem.

All food processors and restaurants should comply with prescribed USDA and SC DHEC recommendations, respectively. Should you have any questions pertaining to this advisory, please call the Lexington/Richland County Environmental Services at 896-0620 or the South Carolina Hospitality Association at 765-9000.

Questions concerning healthcare facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities should be directed to the SC DHEC Division of Health Licensing at 545-4370.

The City of Columbia Customer Care Call Center, 545-3300, may answer other inquiries concerning this Advisory.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2015

Contact: Planning Division at 803-545-3222

Board of Zoning Appeals (BoZA) Meeting Cancelled

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, has been cancelled.

A determination will be made next week as to whether the meeting will be rescheduled or deferred to the November meeting.

###

For Immediate Release

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Community Development at 803-545-3373

Community Development Block Grant Forum Cancelled

Due to the recent flooding, the Community Development Block Grant forum scheduled on Thursday, October 15th in District 4 has been cancelled. The forum schedule will resume on Thursday, October 20th.

The purpose of these forums is to solicit input for the best use of grant funding and to provide citizens with disaster recovery assistance information.

Please see the updated schedule and locations for the forums below.

Updated Forum Schedule

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· CANCELLED - City Council District 4

Thursday, October 15, 2015 - 6 p.m.

Woodlands Park, 6500 Old Knight Parkway

· City Council District 3

Thursday, October 20, 2015 - 6 p.m.

Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street

· *NEW*Combined Community & CCN Meeting

Thursday October 22, 2015 - 6pm

Ensor Print Building, 3907 Ensor Avenue

For more information, please call the Community Development Department at (803) 545-3373.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-240-9207

**Flood Repair Permitting Assistance Updates
Temporary Walk-up Flood Repair Stations at Washington Square**

The City of Columbia's floodplain office will be temporarily located in the Customer Service Lobby on the first floor of 1136 Washington Street. Staff will provide walk-up assistance to anyone needing to start flood repair work in the City. This service will be available during normal City business hours (M-F, 8am-5pm).

The floodplain office will be set up in a series of stations to walk customers through the City's flood repair and rebuilding permitting process. Homeowners and contractors can learn whether their property is in a floodplain, pick up the permit application packet, determine their property value, have any questions regarding the application process answered, and submit their completed permit applications.

Free 2 hour parking will be available in the nearby Washington Square Parking Garage on levels 2A and 2B for those seeking flood repair assistance.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

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

City of Columbia to Receive Proclamation, Donations from Columbia Strong

WHAT: The City of Columbia will receive a proclamation and flood relief donations from Columbia Strong, a Columbia, MS nonprofit volunteer organization. The organization conducted a flood relief drive to help provide supplies to area hospitals.

WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin; Columbia Strong members; Catherine Bruce of TNOVSA, LLC; and representatives from local hospitals

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

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13 at 2 p.m.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 12, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-429-5588 (City Council Briefing) and Leshia Utsey, PR & Media Relations Director, at 422-3057

City Council Briefing and Press Briefing Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 13

Members of the Columbia City Council will receive a telephone briefing for information purposes only on the Columbia Canal remediation efforts on October 13, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street at 10:00 a.m. Please note that no discussion or action will be taken during this briefing. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

The City Manager and City staff will hold a press briefing on October 13, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street (lobby) at 11:00 a.m. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

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The below media advisory is sent on behalf of Councilwoman Leona Plough:

Office of Councilwoman

Leona Plough

MEDIA ADVISORY

October 13, 2015

Contact: Leona Plough

[\(803\) 422-5418](tel:(803)422-5418) (c)

LPlough@aol.com

Councilwoman Plough to Hold Press Availability Oct. 14th @ 2:00 pm

Who: Councilwoman Leona Plough & other members of Columbia City Council

What: Councilwoman Plough will provide a public update on her condition since

arriving home about two weeks ago from Houston where she was undergoing cancer treatment. Details about upcoming Flood & Permitting Question & Answer session will also be discussed.

When: October 14, 2015 @ 2:00 pm

Where: [Kings Grant Clubhouse](#)

[200 N. Kings Grant Dr.](#)

[Columbia, SC 29209](#)

(After entering the Kings Grant Subdivision, go past the guard house

and at the 3rd intersection the Clubhouse entrance is to the Left)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Contact: Planning Division at 803-545-3222

Design/Development Review Commission Meeting Rescheduled

The Design/Development Review Commission meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall (City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor), 1737 Main Street.

The revised agenda is attached. This agenda, past agendas, and the approved minutes of previous meetings can also be found here: <http://www.columbiasc.net/planning-boards-commissions/ddrc/agendas-minutes>.

For questions regarding items on the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at 803-545-3222.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

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

City Hoops Instructional Basketball Program Registration Open

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

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 Friday, October 23. The City Hoops clinics begin Saturday, November 14, 2015.

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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October 14, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-429-5588 (City Council Briefing) and Leshia Utsey, PR & Media Relations Director, at 422-3057

City of Columbia to hold 4 p.m. Press Briefing

The City Manager and City staff will hold a press briefing on October 14, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street (lobby) at 4 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Columbia Canal
- Boil Water Advisory
- Flood Recovery

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-545-3227

All City of Columbia Customers are No Longer Under Boil Water Advisory

City officials are pleased to announce that as of 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015, all areas served by the City of Columbia's Water Works no longer need to boil their water prior to drinking or cooking. The official repeal is below.

Portions of the area served by the City were removed from the system-wide boil water advisory between Wednesday, October 7, and Monday, October 11. This repeal removes all customers from the advisory.

Customers should flush all of their faucets and empty any ice trays made from water during this advisory. Customers with automatic ice-makers may want to continue disposing of their ice until they are sure the lines serving their ice-makers are clear.

Official Repeal

City of Columbia Water Works Repeal of the Boil Water Advisory to the Water Customers of the City of Columbia

The City of Columbia Water Works advises the water customers of the Downtown area east of the Broad River including USC Campus, Forest Acres and Arcadia Lakes, as well as customers in the Southeast along Garner's Ferry, and all areas east of Interstates 77 and 277 located in Richland County that they no longer need to boil their water prior to drinking or cooking.

Following an intense flushing of the distribution system, bacteriological samples were collected and analyzed by the City of Columbia Water Works. The results of this sampling indicate that the system is safe to use for drinking and cooking purposes.

This completes the repeal of the System Wide Boil Water Advisory issued 10-4-2015.

Should you have any questions concerning this repeal of the Boil Water Advisory, you may call the City of Columbia Customer Care Call Center at 545-3300.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer at 803-545-3227

City Announces Additional Floodplain Repair Permit Houses Open

Columbia, SC – The City of Columbia and Richland County will hold two more Floodplain Permit Repair Open Houses on Monday, October 19, to answer questions about permitting for flood repair and rebuilding. This is in addition to the open house scheduled for Thursday, October 15, and the open house held Tuesday, October 13.

The currently scheduled Floodplain Permit Repair Open Houses will be held:

- **Thursday, October 15, from 6 – 8 p.m.**
Kilbourne Park Baptist Church
4205 Kilbourne Rd
- **Monday, October 19, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.**
Woodland Park
6500 Olde Knight Parkway
- **Monday, October 19, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.**
M.L. Smith Community Center
5213 Farrow Road (across the street from the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church)

The Flood Repair Permitting Open Houses are designed to answer homeowner and contractor questions about the permitting application process in a one-on-one setting. Spanish interpreters will be available at both open houses.

Flood Repair Permitting Open House attendees can learn whether their property is in a floodplain, pick up the permit application packet, determine their property value, and have any questions regarding the application process answered. No permits will be issued at these meetings. City permits can only be issued at Washington Square (1136 Washington Street).

City of Columbia residents can find out more about the City's floodplain permitting policy at <http://www.columbiasc.net/headlines/100420151500-flood>. To determine if you are eligible to receive disaster assistance, please go to <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.

October 15, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-429-5588

City Council Briefing Thursday, October 15

Members of the Columbia City Council will receive a telephone briefing for information purposes only on the status of remediation efforts following the October 2015 Flood. The telephone briefing will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street. Please note that no discussion or action will be taken during this briefing. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 15, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-429-5588 (City Council Briefing) and Leshia Utsey, PR & Media Relations Director, at 422-3057 (Press Briefing)

City Council Briefing and Press Briefing Tomorrow, Friday, October 16

Members of the Columbia City Council will receive a telephone briefing for information purposes only on flood recovery and the emergency operations center status on October 16, 2015 at 1225 Lady Street at 10:00 a.m. Please note that no discussion or action will be taken during this briefing. Please note that this location is subject to change due to ongoing recovery operations.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Contact: Victoria Kramer, Utilities & Engineering, at 545-3227

City of Columbia Wastewater Tip Sheet for Flood Recovery Available

To help citizens as they continue their recovery from the historic October 2015 floods, the City of Columbia Department of Utilities & Engineering has released a tip sheet for managing wastewater after the floods. The tip sheet can be found on www.ColumbiaSC.net/Wastewater.

The tips include:

- Contact Companion Property & Casualty at 1-800-827-5794 if you believe your property was damaged by a sewage back-up.
- Sanitary sewage and septage haulers should use the City of Cayce Septage Facility until further notice. Extended hours are available as Cayce works with the City of Columbia to assist local haulers.
- City crews are working hard to identify and respond to any sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) they can find. Anyone who sees damage to a manhole or signs of an SSOs should call 545-3300 and report it.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 545-3020

City Announces Reopened Roads/Intersections

The following roads/intersections have been reopened according to City Officials:

- North Main at Earlewood Park
- Rosewood at Devine

Stay up-to-date on road closures at ColumbiaSC.net and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

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STATUS	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Closed	North Main Street	Albemarle Road	Craven Street
Closed	North Main Street	Mason Road	Wilkes Road
OPEN	Jarvis Klapman Blvd	West Columbia	Huger Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Sunset Drive	Anthony Street
Closed	Sunset Drive	River Drive	Abingdon Road
Closed	Pinebelt Road	Godbold Court	Winsor Hills Drive
Closed	Foxhall Road	Chinaberry Drive	Quitman Drive
Closed	Taylor Street	Sumter Street	Marion Street
OPEN	Marion Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
Restricted	Sumter Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
OPEN	Devine Street	Fort Jackson Blvd	Wildcat Road
Closed	Fort Jackson Blvd	Wildcat Road	Devine Street
Closed	Crowson Road	Devine Street	Fort Jackson Blvd
Closed	Trenholm	Wyndham Drive	Adger Road
Closed	N. Beltline Blvd	Buchanan Drive	Falcon Drive
Closed	19 Gills Crossing Court		
Closed	Lost Creek Drive	Lake Front Drive	Chestnuthill Plantation Club
Restricted	Lost Creek Drive	Gauley Drive	Grove Hall
Closed	Jim Hamilton Blvd	Airport Drive	S. Ott Road
Closed	Parkside Drive	North Main Street	Earlewood Park
Closed	Spears Creek Church Road	Jacobs Mill Road	Earth Road

The City and [SCDOT](#) are working closely to provide updates on a daily basis.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Register for the City Hoops Instructional Basketball Program

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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 City Hoops clinics begin Saturday, November 14, 2015.

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 the 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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**Please see the attached flyer.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Riverfront Park to Remain Closed for Repairs

Riverfront Park, located at 312 Laurel Street, is temporarily closed to the public due to repairs that are needed after the October 2015 flood, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced.

The repairs are expected to take up to 30 days.

During this period, guests may visit the following parks, with assigned walking trails, which are open Monday through Sunday from dawn to dusk:

- Granby Park, 100 Catawba St.
- Earlewood Park, 1111 Parkside Dr. (Enter from River Drive)
- Maxcy Gregg Park, 1651 Park Circle
- Drew Park, beside the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way

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

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 16, 2015

Contact: Purchasing Division at 545-3470

October 2015 SC Severe Storms and Flooding Procurement Opportunities

The City of Columbia's Purchasing Division will begin advertising the **October 2015 SC Severe Storms & Flooding DR4241 competitive procurement opportunities** on the City of Columbia's website at www.columbiasc.net beginning the week of Monday, October 19, 2015. These procurement opportunities will be solicited for various commodities and services needed to support our disaster recovery efforts. The deadlines for receiving responses to our solicitations will depend upon several factors including, but not limited to, the urgency of the needed item or service, the source selection method, the potential contract value, etc. We strongly encourage you to visit our website often for new procurement opportunities and updates to recent postings.

The City of Columbia commits to using positive efforts in the procuring, contracting and hiring of disadvantaged and historically underutilized businesses and firms (small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses) in accordance with generally acceptable procurement standards and federal, state and local requirements. All businesses interested in doing business with the City of Columbia are strongly encouraged to respond to our procurement opportunities.

Our competitive procurements for our Disaster Recovery needs will fall in two primary categories:

Small Procurements (Simplified): Purchases and contracts for services established for goods and services with a potential contract value less than or equal to \$25,000.00. These small procurements will be posted on our website under “Procurement Opportunities” and will be solicited for a week or less.

Large Procurements (Exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold): Purchases and contract for services established with a potential contract value in excess of \$25,000.00. Most of these competitive procurement opportunities will be available to be viewed on our website through our electronic bidding system, Bid Online, and bidder registration is required. You must also be properly registered prior to the submittal deadline to respond to procurements over the Simplified Acquisition Threshold*.

All interested prospective bidders and potential Respondents for both categories above are strongly encouraged to register through Bid Online. Our database is also used as a resource tool to provide us with a listing of potential suppliers of goods and services to assist us with our citywide operations.

In addition to our City’s website and Bid Online, the large dollar valued procurements will also be advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Columbia’s Purchasing Division at (803)545-3470.

To access Bid Online, visit the [City of Columbia’s Purchasing Division page](#) or click on the logo below.



*The Simplified Acquisition Threshold as referenced in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.003 (b)(i) is \$150,000.00. Since the City of Columbia’s procurement thresholds are more stringent, \$25,000.01 is the Simplified Acquisition Threshold for all flood related procurements.

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OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 16, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 545-3020

City Announces Reopened Roads/Intersections - UPDATED 10/16/15 @ 4:30 p.m.

The following roads/intersections have been reopened according to City Officials:

Status	Road Name	From	To
Closed	North Main Street	Albemarle Road	Craven Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Mason Road	Wilkes Road
OPEN	Jarvis Klapman Blvd	West Columbia	Huger Street
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Closed	Spears Creek Church Road	Jacobs Mill Road	Earth Road

Arteries Leading into the City

Closed	Monticello Road	Peeples Street	I-20
Closed	S. Beltline Blvd	Shop Road	Plowden Road
OPEN	Bluff Road	I-77	Bluff Road
Closed	Fontaine Road	Two Notch Road	277
Restricted	Forest Drive	Trenholm Road	Gregg Pkwy
Closed	Wilson Blvd	Koon Store Road	Hardscrabble Road
Closed	Brickyard Road	Peebles Street	I-20
Closed	Fairfield Road	Sharpe Road	Crane Church Road

October 16, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk, at 803-545-3045

Columbia City Council Meeting Agendas for October 20, 2015

The Columbia City Council will conduct the following meetings on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. The agendas are attached for your reference.

- Ø Administrative Policy Committee Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- Ø Finance Audit and Budget Committee Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- Ø Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.
- Ø Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Registration Open for City's Co-Ed Volleyball Program

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's 2015-2016 Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program is open.

The recreational league is open to men and women 18 years or older. There is a \$150 fee per team.

The registration period will close Friday, October 30, 2015. The league will officially begin on Monday, November 16, 2015.

To download a registration form, please visit Parks & Recreation's [Athletics page online](#) and click the "Adult 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 contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

###

**Please see the attached flyer*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 19, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

Pet of the Week: Meet Franco! (ID# A214771)

Franco is a two-year-old domestic short haired cat. He is a clever, white and black cat that would make a wonderful addition to any home. He has been neutered and is also micro-chipped.

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 19, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

Midlands Animal Control/Care Officers Offer Microchip Scanning Services for Displaced Pets

Due to the recent flooding in the Midlands, there has been an unfortunate rise in displaced pets. The City of Columbia and Richland County governments are committed to helping reunite lost pets with their family.

The City and Richland County would like to remind residents that animal control/care officers are important resources that are available to help expedite the reuniting process and help pets trying to return home. Officers are equipped with microchip scanners and can be dispatched to your location to scan the lost pet to identify its home and family.

If you are a resident of Richland County or the City of Columbia and are housing a displaced pet, please contact a local animal control/care office immediately.

For more information on microchip scanning services, please call the City of Columbia at 803-776-7387 or Richland County at 803-929-6000.

###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 19, 2015

Contact: Erika Moore, City Clerk at (803)545.3043

**City of Columbia Municipal Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

COLUMBIA, SC - The Richland County Elections & Voter Registration Office will open for absentee voting on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 2020 Hampton Street. Monday, November 2, 2015 is the last day for absentee voting for the City of Columbia Municipal Election. To review the fifteen (15) qualifications for absentee voting visit www.scvotes.org.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All voting precincts have been inspected by Richland County and no changes have been made to your precinct location. To view a list of precincts visit www.columbiasc.net/elections. To verify the location of your precinct visit

www.scvotes.org.

Richland County Elections & Voter Registration Office

2020 Hampton Street

Columbia, SC 29204

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)**Phone:** (803)576.2240**Email:** absenteeballots@rcgov.us**Precinct Search:** www.scvotes.org

For additional information please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803)545.3045 or visit www.columbiasc.net/elections.

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For Immediate Release

Wednesday, October 21 2015
Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-7387

Halloween Adoption Specials

WHAT: The Columbia and Lexington Animal Services will be holding a Howl'oween Spooktacular adoption special. During the special, pet adoptions will be reduced to \$31. All adoption fees include spay/neuter, microchip, Feline Leukemia/Heartworm Test, initial vaccines and deworming.

WHERE: Columbia Animal Services, 127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC and Lexington Animal Services, 321 Ball Park Rd, Lexington, SC

WHEN: Friday, October 30- Saturday, October 31, 2015

COST: \$31 per pet

For more information about the adoption specials please call Columbia Animal Services (803)776-7387 or Lexington Animal Services (803) 785-8149.

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**Please see attached flyer.*

For Immediate Release

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

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Columbia, South Carolina

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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 City Hoops clinics begin Saturday, November 14, 2015.

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For Immediate Release

October 22, 2015

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

Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program 2015 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.
- Trees with environmental benefits and value
- 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 or award 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, 2015. 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, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, and Columbia Garden Club.

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City Announces Reopened Roads/Intersections

The following roads and intersections have been reopened according to City Officials:

Status	Road Name	From	To
OPEN	North Main Street	Albemarle Road	Craven Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Mason Road	Wilkes Road
OPEN	Jarvis Klapman Blvd	West Columbia	Huger Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Sunset Drive	Anthony Street
OPEN	Sunset Drive	N. Main	Abingdon Road
Closed	Pinebelt Road	Godbold Court	Winsor Hills Drive
Closed	Foxhall Road	Chinaberry Drive	Quitman Drive
OPEN	Taylor Street	Sumter Street	Marion Street
OPEN	Marion Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
OPEN	Sumter Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
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OPEN	N. Beltline Blvd	Buchanan Drive	Falcon Drive
OPEN	Percival Road	Smallwood Road	Greenmill Road
Closed	Parkman Drive	Bannockburn Drive	Roslyn Drive
Closed	Lost Creek Drive	Lake Front Drive	Chestnuthill Plantation
OPEN	Lost Creek Drive	Gauley Drive	Grove Hall
OPEN	Jim Hamilton Blvd	Airport Drive	S. Ott Road
Closed	Parkside Drive	North Main Street	Earlewood Park
Closed	Spears Creek Church Rd	Jacobs Mill Road	Earth Road
Arteries Leading into the City			
OPEN	Monticello Road	Peebles Street	I-20
OPEN	S. Beltline Blvd	Shop Road	Plowden Road
OPEN	Bluff Road	I-77	Bluff Road
Closed	Fontaine Road	Two Notch Road	277
OPEN	Forest Drive	Trenholm Road	Gregg Plwy
Closed	Wilson Blvd	Koon Store Road	Hardscrabble Road
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Closed	Fairfield Road	Sharpe Road	Crane Church Road

The City of Columbia and [SCDOT](#) are working closely to provide updates on a daily basis.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

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Registration Open for City's Co-Ed Volleyball Program

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's 2015-2016 Adult Co-Ed Volleyball program is open.

The recreational league is open to men and women 18 years or older. There is a \$150 fee per team.

The registration period will close Friday, October 30, 2015. The league will officially begin on Monday, November 16, 2015.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Contact: Marli Drum at 803-776-PETS

City's Pet of the Week: Meet Midnight! (ID# A220389)

Midnight is a one-year-old Chihuahua mix. He is a small dog and loves to be in a peaceful atmosphere. Midnight loves people but would need to be in a home without small children. He has been neutered and is also micro-chipped.

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

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The following locations will honor the wellness center's membership for pool activities:

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Practices will be held on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, November 10. Practices will be held at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street. Performances will be held on Saturdays at various city parks during the Youth Winter Basketball season.

To register online, visit <http://gate.columbiasc.gov/cheer/>.

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October 30, 2015

Contact: Zoning Division at 803-545-3333

Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

The Design/Development Review Commission will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd, at City Hall (City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor), 1737 Main Street. The agenda is attached for your review.

This agenda, past agendas, and the approved minutes of previous meetings can also be found here:
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Event prices range from free to \$1 or 1 canned food item.

Read below to discover what events will be happening this Halloween:

Friday, October 30, 2015**Lorick Park:**

On Friday, October 30, 2015, Lorick Park will be hosting another Haunted House and Candy Carnival from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Admission is one canned good. The event will consist of a haunted house walk through and Trunk or Treat, where candy will be given out from the trunks of cars.

Hampton Park:

Hampton Park, 117 Brandon Avenue, will be presenting Halloween themed carnival games, featuring popcorn and candy. The event will take place from 3-5:30 p.m. and is aimed at children middle school age and younger.

Heathwood Park:

Located at 800 Abelia Road, Heathwood Park will be introducing a Halloween party featuring fun carnival games. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. and is aimed at children middle school age and younger.

Edisto Discovery Park:

Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street, will be hosting a candy give-away to trick-or-treaters from 3-6 p.m. The event is intended for children elementary school age and younger.

Sims Park:

Sims Park, located at 3500 Duncan Street, will be having a costume contest and Halloween party. The event will take place from 4-6 p.m. and is directed towards children elementary school age and younger.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park:

ML King Park, 2300 Greene Street, will be presenting a haunted house and carnival games from 6-7:30 p.m. The event is aimed at kids 13 years or younger.

Pinehurst Park:

Located at 2300 Pinehurst Road, Pinehurst Park will be introducing a Fall Carnival, which will include carnival games and face painting. The carnival will begin at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and is intended for children middle school age or younger.

Woodland Park:

Woodland Park, 6500 Olde Knight Parkway, will be hosting a Halloween Carnival from 4-6 p.m. The carnival is intended for children elementary school age and younger.

St. Anna's Park:

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Emily Douglas Park:

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Dog Costume Contest from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Grab a leash and bring your pooch for a fun event filled with prizes, goodies and laughter! For more information please contact Lanita Sunshine Patterson at 803-733-2500 or lpatterson@columbiasc.net.

Greenview Park:

Greenview Park, located at 6700 David Street, will be having a Halloween Party from 5:30 - 8 p.m. The Halloween party will include games from 5:30-6:30 p.m., refreshments from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and a costume contest from 7:30-8 p.m. Trick-or-

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Saturday, October 31, 2015

Hyatt Park:

Hyatt Park, 950 Jackson Avenue, will be hosting Trunk or Treat in partnership with Pro's 4 Charity. Trunk or Treat will feature a haunted house, refreshments, and games. The event will take place from 2-5 p.m. and is directed towards children middle school age and younger.

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

WHEN: Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. "The Doll House of Terror" opens at 6:30 p.m. at the Lady Street entrance.

COST: Admission to the "Spooktacular Block Party" is **FREE**. There are fees for the carnival games, interactive inflatables and the "Doll House of Terror." Prices will vary for food items.

Fees

- Carnival games and inflatables (all day play)
 - o \$3 for one wristband
 - o \$5 for two wristbands
- “Doll House of Terror”
 - o Tickets are \$3 per person

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 30, 2015

Contact: Public and Media Relations at 545-3020

City Announces Reopened Roads/Intersections

The following roads and intersections have been reopened according to City Officials:

Status	Road Name	From	To
OPEN	North Main Street	Albemarle Road	Craven Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Mason Road	Wilkes Road
OPEN	Jarvis Klapman Blvd	West Columbia	Huger Street
OPEN	North Main Street	Sunset Drive	Anthony Street
OPEN	Sunset Drive	N. Main	Abingdon Road
Closed	Pinebelt Road	Godbold Court	Winsor Hills Drive
Closed	Foxhall Road	Chinaberry Drive	Quitman Drive
OPEN	Taylor Street	Sumter Street	Marion Street
OPEN	Marion Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
OPEN	Sumter Street	Taylor Street	Hampton Street
OPEN	Devine Street	Fort Jackson Blvd	Wildeck Road
OPEN	Fort Jackson Blvd	Wildeck Road	Devine Street
OPEN	Crowson Road	Devine Street	Fort Jackson Blvd
OPEN	Trenholm	Wyndham Drive	Adger Road
OPEN	N. Beltline Blvd	Buchanan Drive	Falcon Drive
OPEN	Percival Road	Smallwood Road	Greenmill Road
OPEN	Parkman Drive	Bannockburn Drive	Roslyn Drive
Closed	Lost Creek Drive	Lake Front Drive	Chestnuthill Plantation
OPEN	Lost Creek Drive	Gauley Drive	Grove Hall
OPEN	Jim Hamilton Blvd	Airport Drive	S. Ott Road
Closed	Parkside Drive	North Main Street	Earlewood Park
Closed	Spears Creek Church Rd	Jacobs Mill Road	Earth Road
Arteries Leading into the City			
OPEN	Monticello Road	Peeples Street	I-20
OPEN	S. Beltline Blvd	Shop Road	Plowden Road
OPEN	Bluff Road	I-77	Bluff Road
Closed	Fontaine Road	Two Notch Road	277
OPEN	Forest Drive	Trenholm Road	Gregg Pkwy
Closed	Wilson Blvd	Koon Store Road	Hardscrabble Road
Closed	Brickyard Road	Peebles Street	I-20

Closed

Fairfield Road

Sharpe Road

Crane Church Road

The City of Columbia and [SCDOT](#) are working closely to provide updates on a daily basis.

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