



June 16, 2014



# CITY TALK

Tune in to City Talk today on WGCV 620 AM from 5 - 6 p.m. to hear:

- 5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.**  
**Guest:** Randy Davis, Recreation Superintendent, Parks & Recreation  
**Topic:** Primetime in the Parks
- 5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.**  
**Guests:** Krista Hampton/John Fellows, Director of Planning & Development Services/Planning Administrator  
**Topic:** Plan Columbia
- 5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Guest:** Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison, Community Development  
**Topic:** The OMG Homeownership Workshop

# NEWS

## SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED FOR 2014

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



- Greg Park Neighborhood Association
- Lake Katherine
- POA of Lake Katherine
- Heyward Park Neighborhood
- Crosshill Neighborhood
- Kilbourne Park Neighborhood Association

The trimming will be completed by SCE&G contractors and work will be closely monitored on a daily basis by the City's four 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 percent improvement in reliability in vegetation related outages in areas where trimming is completed compared to a year ago. The trimming guidelines include removing vegetation within 8-12 feet below and beside the power lines and up to 20 feet above the power lines.

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

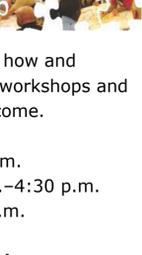
For more information about SCE&G's tree trimming efforts, including helpful tips and suggestions regarding the planting of trees and other vegetation, visit [www.sceg.com/treetrimming](http://www.sceg.com/treetrimming).

You can also contact SCE&G's 24 hour Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-251-7234 or email [SCGContactUs@SCANA.com](mailto:SCGContactUs@SCANA.com)

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

## COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

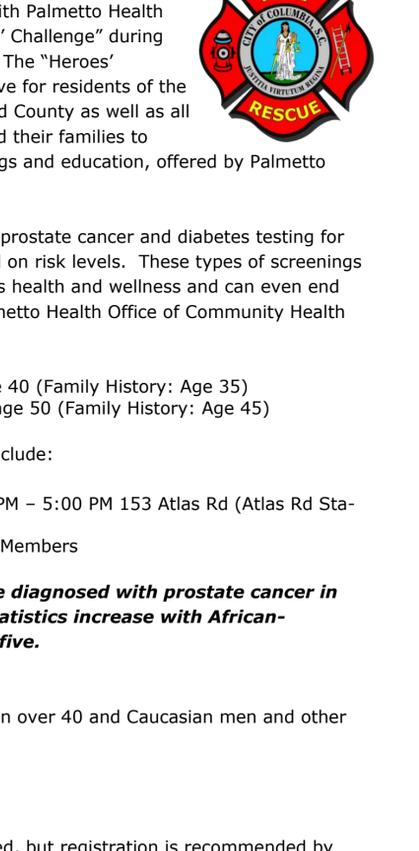
City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his June Open House on Monday, June 23, 2014 from 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main St.



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

## THE OMG OF HOMEOWNERSHIP WORKSHOP IS BACK!

Join Community Development at the 2014 OMG of Homeownership Workshop on Saturday, June 21, at the Midlands Tech NE Campus at 151 Powell Road. It is a free event with great classes, prizes, vendors, refreshments and a lot of great information about buying a home.



It doesn't matter if you are a homeowner or looking to buy a home, this is a place to come where you can get answers to some of the questions you may have.

This year's workshop will offer a wide variety of new classes as well as some of the favorites from last year. Seating is limited so don't forget to register!

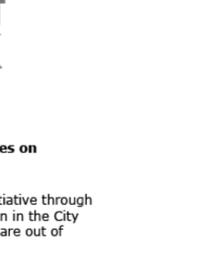
Register online: <http://www.columbia.sc.gov/OMG2014>

## LET'S PLAN COLUMBIA TOGETHER!

For the first time in almost 50 years, the City of Columbia will have the unprecedented opportunity to directly connect the City's land use plan with its zoning and development regulations. If you care about connecting neighborhoods, providing places for jobs, ensuring housing choices, preserving special places and creating a Columbia future generations will love you should participate in one of the Plan Columbia Workshops.



The workshops and drop-in will be at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street. It is essential to have community input about how to accommodate future growth and development to inform the plan. PLAN TOGETHER is a process to shape policies that will affect how and where the City and County will grow for years to come. Two public workshops and a drop-in will be held to help accommodate everyone who wish to come.

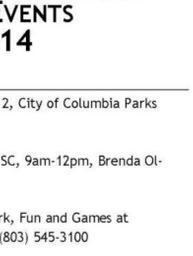


- Workshop Part 1: Tuesday June, 24, 2014 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Drop-in: Wednesday June, 25, 2014 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Workshop Part 2: Thursday, June 26, 2014 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

For more information about the Plan Columbia workshops, Like Plan Columbia's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/weplantogether](http://www.facebook.com/weplantogether) or [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net)

## COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH PALMETTO HEALTH FOR "HEROES' CHALLENGE"

Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins and the Columbia Fire Department in partnership with Palmetto Health announced the 2014 "Heroes' Challenge" during the month of May and June. The "Heroes' Challenge" is a health initiative for residents of the City of Columbia and Richland County as well as all members of Public Safety and their families to receive FREE health screenings and education, offered by Palmetto Health.



The FREE screenings include prostate cancer and diabetes testing for individuals who qualify based on risk levels. These types of screenings are important to ensure one's health and wellness and can even end up saving your life. The Palmetto Health Office of Community Health screening guidelines are:

- African American men age 40 (Family History: Age 35)
- All other men starting at age 50 (Family History: Age 45)

Scheduled screening times include:

- Friday, June 20th 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM 153 Atlas Rd (Atlas Rd Station #8)
- All Public Safety & Family Members

**One in seven males will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime and those statistics increase with African-American males to one in five.**

Risk factors include:

- Age (African American men over 40 and Caucasian men and other minorities over 50)
- Family history
- Race (African American)
- High-Fat diet

Appointments are not required, but registration is recommended by calling Palmetto Health CareCall at 803-296-CARE (2273) or for more information visit [www.PalmettoHealth.org/CommunityHealth](http://www.PalmettoHealth.org/CommunityHealth).

## CITY OF COLUMBIA CONTINUES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE THROUGH THE SUMMER



City of Columbia Youth Empowerment Initiative Focuses on Summer Fun in the City for Youth

The City of Columbia will continue its Youth Empowerment Network Initiative through the summer with an emphasis on youth programming. The Summer Fun in the City programs are designed to keep children active and learning when they are out of school.

The City launched the first Youth Empowerment Initiative in April to bring together more resources for the community's youth. The initiative included the creation of the Youth Empowerment Network, a cohesive resource available to youth and families that gives them access to events, activities and organizations within the community. The network includes a calendar of events that lists safe and fun activities for youth of all ages to enjoy.

"We are excited about continuing the presence of the Youth Empowerment Initiative throughout the summer months," Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine commented. "An added benefit is the growing involvement from local youth organizations that have joined this effort. We want the Youth Empowerment Network to provide information, resources and programs to the community in order to offer positive alternatives for our youth."

The Youth Empowerment Network also includes a database of youth organization contacts, youth advocacy group contacts and more. The network will provide updates to these youth groups about programs and other initiatives in Columbia. The groups will also be able to share information about their public events through the network.

For more information about the Youth Empowerment Network calendar, to submit information or to be added to the Youth Empowerment Network please send inquiries to [pio@columbiasc.net](mailto:pio@columbiasc.net)

## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT NETWORK CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER 2014

**June 16-21**  
 June 16-26 - Maxcy Gregg Pool: Swim Lessons - Maxcy Gregg Pool Session 2, City of Columbia Parks & Recreation, (803) 733-8447

June 19 - Quilting Skills 200: Art Center - 1928 Calhoun Street Columbia, SC, 9am-12pm, Brenda Oliver, (803) 545-3093 or [bloliver@columbiasc.net](mailto:bloliver@columbiasc.net)

June 20- Movie Series Fridays at Riverfront Park: Turbo- Riverfront Park, Fun and Games at 7:00pm, Movie at 8:30pm - Kim Mitchell, [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net) or (803) 545-3100

June 20 - Primetime Party in Parks - Pinehurst Park & Lorick Park, 8pm-11pm, Ages 13-18 - City Parks and Recreations, (803) 545-3100 or [www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation](http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation)

June 21 - Second Nature "Beach" - Finlay Park, Saturday's 7p.m.-10p.m. - Kim Mitchell, [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net) or (803) 545-3100

May 6 - Aug. 19 - Strengthening Families Program\* - Edgewood Foundation Center, Tuesdays 6 p.m. - City Year - Rachel DeFoe, [rdefoe@cityyear.org](mailto:rdefoe@cityyear.org) or 803-251-8465

# MEETINGS

## CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINES FOR AGENDA ITEMS
June 17	WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING	June 6
June 24	COUNCIL MEETING/ BUDGET SECOND READING	June 11

- The Columbia City Public Safety Committee will conduct a meeting on **Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 9 a.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Work Session on **Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 2 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a meeting and a Budget First Reading on **Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6 p.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

For additional information regarding the City Council meetings, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 803-545-3045.

# THIS MONTH

## Join the Columbia Animal Shelter to Celebrate NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER CAT MONTH!



**Entire Month of June**  
**Special Adoption Event — Name Your Own Price!**  
 (\$5 minimum— not including City of Columbia Pet License fee of \$5)  
**All cats have already been Spayed / Neutered, Microchipped, FELV/FIV Tested & are Current on Vaccines!**

For more details on Adoptions, please visit us on Facebook or Contact the Shelter

FREE Chicken Sandwich With Your Cat Adoption!  
 Courtesy of Chick-fil-A

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 127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC 29209  
 803-776-PETS (7387) [www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)

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