



SCE&G To Perform Tree Trimming Activities



Eau Claire Development Corporation to Hold Ribbon Cutting for New Homes



City of Columbia's 2014 Back-to-School Bash

City Connection



City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department Sponsors Back-to-School Pool Party

Celebrate the beginning of a new school year at the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's Back-to-School Pool Party on Friday, August 15, 2014 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Swimming Pool.

Teens ages 13 to 17 are invited out for an evening of games, food, giveaways, contests and live entertainment. Appropriate swim attire must be worn for entry. The cost of admission is \$5.

For more information, please contact Kim Mitchell at 803-545-3100 or kcmitchell@columbiasc.net.



City Talk

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



5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Guest: David Rojas, Outreach Coordinator,
BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid

Topic: The City's Back-to-School Bash (Sponsored
by BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid)

5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Guest: Lee Thompson, Interim Assistant
Superintendent of Recreation, Parks &
Recreation

Topic: Registration for City's Youth Programs

5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Guest: Susan McPherson, Director of Public Policy
and Military Affairs, Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Petition for Fort Jackson

For more information about today's topics, contact the
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.



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The Week Ahead

SCE&G TO PERFORM TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES AS SCHEDULED

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

- **POA of Lake Katharine**
- **Cross Hill Neighborhood Association**
- **Heathwood Park Neighborhood Association**

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

The purpose of the trimming activities is to increase safety and reliability of the electric service.

SCE&G reports an 89 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.

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.



COUNCILWOMAN TAMEIKA ISAAC DEVINE TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine will host her August Open House on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 5 p.m.— 8 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main St.

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



EAU CLAIRE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW HOMES IN BURTON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

The Eau Claire Development Corporation will host a ribbon cutting for the new homes built in the Burton Heights neighborhood on Tuesday, August 12 at 11 a.m. at 155 Burton Heights Circle. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia City Councilmembers, Eau Claire Development Corporation staff, City staff and community leaders will attend the event.



There will be tours of the three new homes. The homes are 1,300-1,600 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, all major appliances and one car garage.

For more information about the Eau Claire Development Corporation, please call 803-733-8438 or visit www.columbiasc.net/ecdc.



COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his August Open House on Monday, August 25, 2014 from 5 p.m.—8 p.m. at Greenview Park, 6700 David St.

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

THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S 2014 BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

The City of Columbia's 2014 Back-to-School Bash will be on Saturday, August 16 from 12-5 p.m. at Finlay Park and is a free event for elementary, middle and high school students.

The bash will feature health screenings courtesy of Walgreens, book bag giveaways, a Health & Fitness Zone, entertainment, fitness challenges, vendors, exhibitors, face painting and more. The bash is sponsored by BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid.

For more information, please contact Kim Mitchell at 803-545-3100 or kcmitchell@columbiasc.net.



PARK OF THE WEEK: EARLEWOOD PARK



Earlewood Park
1111 Parkside Drive
803-545-3100

Earlewood Park—located just north of downtown Columbia near the train trestle crossing North Main Street—is home to the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department, and a community center that's perfect for business gatherings and social events. The 3,520-square-foot community center includes a banquet hall, meeting room space and a kitchenette furnished with stainless steel appliances.

The park features a variety of amenities that the entire family can enjoy. Features include a playground area, an amphitheater, an 18-hole disc golf course, walking trails, baseball and kickball fields, a basketball court and tennis courts. Picnic shelters and other seating are located throughout the park.

NOMA Bark Park, a 2-acre off-leash dog park, is also housed at Earlewood Park. To become a member, please visit www.nomabarkpark.org. To reserve the community center and amphitheater, please call 803-545-3100.

For more information, please visit the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department at <http://www.columbiasc.gov/parks-recreation>.

PET OF THE WEEK: MEET GRAFITI (ID#A200159)

She is a two-year-old domestic, short hair mix cat. Graffiti's personality is a bit of a mix; playful, relaxed, affectionate and independent. She has been spayed and microchipped. Come by today and give Graffiti a place to call home!

Visit other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.



All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit Petfinder.com. Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.

PET TIP

Kitten vs. Cat, Kittens are cute but they require more time and patience. Older cats require more socialization but generally are easier to care for.



Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15



NORTH COLUMBIA FOOD PARK

The North Columbia Food Park is a community farmer's market that aims to provide the citizens of North Columbia and surrounding access to fresh fruits, plants and vegetables. Simply put, it is a "Fun Place to have a Healthy, Good Time"! The food park is now open on Friday's and Saturdays.

2720 North Main Street

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free Entry (cost of produce vary based on vendor)

www.foodparkofcolumbia.com

Contact: 803-556-5428

BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY

City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department invites you to attend our

Back-To-School Pool Party

For Teens
Ages 13 to 17

August 15, 2014
Maxcy Gregg Pool
1655 Park Circle
7 pm - 10 pm
\$5 Admission
(Includes everything)
Appropriate swim attire must be worn for entry.

Come Join the Fun!

- Live DJ
- Contests
- Games
- Food
- Giveaways

For more information, call 803-545-3100.

A colorful illustration of a beach scene with a pool, a beach umbrella, lounge chairs, flip-flops, and a beach ball.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16



SODA CITY MARKET

Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

Soda City Market

1500 block of Main Street

Time: 8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

(Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)

www.Sodascitysc.com

Contact: 803-269-3241

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Don't miss the opportunity to see the Horizons, this Friday night for the Summer Concert Series. A Karaoke Idol competition is also occurring during the event with weekly winners and cash prizes.

Finlay Park

930 Laurel Street

Time: 8:00pm—11:00pm

Cost: Free

www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation

Contact: 803-545-3100

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17



“SUNLIGHT—NIGHTLIGHT”

UUCG presents an art exhibit by Meg McLean of Columbia and Blythewood.

UUCG Art Gallery

2701 Heyward Street

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

www.uuartgallery.com

Contact: 803-799-2745



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Mark Your Calendars

SAVE THE DATE

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

Saturday, September 20, 2014

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Games
Celebrity Flag Football ✓
3K Race

Drew Park/Green Space
(Adjacent to Drew Wellness Center)
2101 Walker Solomon Way
Columbia, SC 29204

Scavenger Hunt ✓
Entertainment ✓
Free to the Public ✓

Nonprofit health and wellness organizations can register for a free table.



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For more information, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or weaustin@columbiasc.net.



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Save the Date

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 Mayor's Walk
**AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014
9 A.M.
FINLAY PARK

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!


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For more information, contact Public Relations at 803-545-3020 or pio@columbiasc.net.



TO REGISTER, VISIT:

[HTTP://COLUMBIASC.NET/HEADLINES/071020141557-MAYORS-WALK-AGAINST-DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE](http://COLUMBIASC.NET/HEADLINES/071020141557-MAYORS-WALK-AGAINST-DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE)

City Council Meetings

- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Public Safety Committee meeting on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 2 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.**



City Media

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