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CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOST CAPITAL CITY BEACH PARTY

Bring the family out for a day of beach fun at the Capital City Beach Party on Saturday, July 4 at Finlay Park.

The Capital City Beach Party will feature a sand volleyball exhibition, beach games, a limbo contest, karaoke, music from the Original Tams, fireworks and more!

WHAT: Capital City Beach Party

WHERE: Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street

WHEN: Saturday, July 4 from 2 to 10 p.m. (The Original Tams are scheduled to perform at 8 p.m. **The fireworks show begins at 10 p.m.**)

COST: Admission to the Capital City Beach Party is **FREE**. There are fees for face painting, and food and craft vendors.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets or towels and beach chairs. No pets allowed.

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

CEZ, INC. HIGHLIGHTS NORTH MAIN PLAZA BUSINESSES WITH OPEN HOUSE

The Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. (CEZ, Inc.) held an open house and ribbon cutting for Eau Claire Family Dentistry, Eau Claire Family Podiatry and Ella's Café on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10 a.m. CEZ, Inc. Board of Directors, Columbia City Council members, City Manager Teresa Wilson and City staff were in attendance.

"We are thrilled to expand our dental and podiatry services in Columbia, SC," said Delgado Cantave, Interim CEO of ECCHC. "It's imperative for residents to have access to affordable services. We are filling a gap for many people to find the care they need and building on our mission to provide quality healthcare in the spirit of the Good Samaritan."

The medical practices are branches of Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers (ECCHC), a non-profit, community health care system that offers primary health care services to families of the Midlands of South Carolina. Podiatrist Dr. Trenten Prioleau and Dentist Dr. Glennell Smith look forward to welcoming new patients and continuing to care for all of their current patients.

"The addition of the two new medical practices has yielded a \$400,000 investment and created five new jobs in North Main Plaza," said Felicia Maloney, Executive Director of CEZ, Inc. "The CEZ, Inc. Board of Directors and I are ecstatic about this economic investment that will provide greater access to healthcare for City of Columbia residents."

The medical practices are located adjacent to Ella's Café, which is another North Main Plaza business. Ella's Café moved to North Main Street at the end of October of last year and the owner, Ella Glover, has been in the restaurant industry for more than 17 years.



Councilwoman Devine and Councilman Sam Davis with the North Main Plaza business owners.



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

For more information about North Main Plaza businesses, contact the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. at (803) 255-8129.

CITY FEATURED IN NATIONAL REPORT FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS TO ITS RESIDENTS

The City of Columbia was featured in the National League of Cities' (NLC) report that highlights city leaders' ongoing commitment to addressing the financial challenges of their residents. Columbia, SC was one of the 25 cities in the United States with more than six financial inclusion programs in place.

"The City can only fully experience a renaissance if all members of our community are able to participate," said Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine. "The City is committed to providing the tools necessary for our citizens to be financially stable and live better lives."

The report, *City Financial Inclusion Efforts: A National Overview*, outlines the work that Columbia, SC is doing to help families that are struggling with debt, foreclosure or other financial challenges. The report summarizes key findings that showcase the depth and breadth of local strategies to help residents become more financially secure.

Councilwoman Devine spearheaded the first Access Columbia conference in April 2014, which was a conference that offered multiple workshops about financial education to youth and adults. Additionally, the City of Columbia's financial inclusion programs include the largest individual development account program in the state with a city-funded 3:1 match, homeownership assistance and workshops and credit counseling.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

For more information about the City's financial literacy initiative and programs, call 803-545-3373.



We Are Columbia

PRIME TIME IN THE PARKS PROVIDES RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

Prime Time in the Parks, a late-night teen program that provides a fun and safe environment for Columbia's youth.

The program is free to youth ages 13-18 years old. Prime Time in the Parks features games, sports, music, refreshments and more!

Events are held on the following dates from 8-11 p.m.:

Thursday, July 2

Hyatt Park, 950 Jackson Avenue
Katheryn M. Bellfield Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center, 2611 Grant Street

Friday, July 10

Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue

Friday, July 17

Greenview Park, 6700 David Street
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street

Friday, July 24

Pool Party hosted by Greenview, Martin Luther King, Jr. and St. Anna's parks at Maxcy Gregg Pool, 1655 Park Circle

Friday, July 31

Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue

Please note Prime Time in the Parks held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park will end at 10 p.m.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or visit <http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation/programs/youth>.

COLUMBIA TENNIS CENTER OFFERS SUMMER CAMP

The Columbia Tennis Center located at 1635 Whaley Street, is hosting a summer Tennis Camp for children ages 7-14. The camp will focus on stroke production and techniques, drills, match competition and more.

The camp will be held on the following dates from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

July 6-10

July 20-24

The cost of the camp is \$55 per week. Make checks payable to the Columbia Tennis Center. Applications are available at the Columbia Tennis Center. Registrations will be taken until the first day of camp.

For more information, please call the tennis center at 803-733-8440 or email Jnmuse@columbiasc.net.



SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Movies will be held on Friday nights during June and July.

The following movies are free and open to the public:

July 3: Home
July 10: The Book of Life
July 17: Rio 2
July 24: Ferngully: The Last Rainforest
July 31: The Croods

There will be face painting, games and more fun prior to the start of the film at 7 p.m. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee.

Attendees can bring blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. No glass containers and alcoholic beverages allowed.

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

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS TO FINLAY PARK

The Summer Concert Series will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on the following dates:

July 4: The Original Tams (Capital City Beach Party)
July 18: Glenn Jones
August 1: LTD
August 15: Midnight Star

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No pets allowed. Vendors will be available.

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



CPD's 2015 FAN THE HEAT PROGRAM

Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook announces that the Columbia Police Department is now accepting donations for the Annual 'Fan the Heat' Program.

In order to make this year's event a success, donations from the public are needed.

In particular, CPD will be collecting fans, air conditioning units and financial contributions for worthy citizens until Monday, August 31. Air conditioning units are of greater need.

Donations can be dropped off at CPD Headquarters located at #1 Justice Square at any time. Citizens who wish to make a monetary donation can make a check payable to: The Columbia Police Foundation. (Note the "Fan the Heat" Program on the check.)

Since its inception in 1995, the Fan the Heat program has assisted more than 7,000 Columbia citizens.

The program is primarily designed for senior citizens, residents with medical concerns/ disabilities and families with small children.

Eligibility requirements include:
Citizens must be 55 years-old or older.

Citizens must provide name, address, telephone number (to ensure that the fan or air conditioner is delivered to the correct address)

Exception:

If a person has respiratory problems or a major illness, he or she can bring in a doctor's statement regardless of age to receive assistance.

If a citizen needs assistance from the Fan the Heat program, they can call the Crime Prevention Unit at 803-545-3555; or CPD's Telephone Response Unit at 545-3500.



SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL ISSUES WORKSHOP

The City's Office of Business Opportunities is hosting a legal workshop for small businesses on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nexsen Pruet, LLC, 1230 Main Street, Suite 700. Small business owners will have the opportunity to learn about tax structure, contracts and liability issues.

It is critical for small business owners to know the laws they must comply with to operate a successful and sustainable business. The Small Business Legal Issues workshop will give attendees the tools to take of their investment.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 and seats are limited. To register, click [here](#).

CITY'S WATER AND SEWER RATE CHANGES

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, City Council approved water and sewer rate increases that will take effect on July 1, 2015. To help better understand how the rate increases might affect their bill, customers are encouraged to use the City of Columbia Residential Water/Sewer Bill Estimator located at www.columbiasc.net/customer-care. This bill estimator shows a comparison of the Current Rates and the Approved Rates effective July 1, 2015.

This estimator shows what a typical residential customer bill might look like based on meter readings that you provide. It is designed for up to 100 units or 10,000 Ft³ of use in a month on a 3/4" or 5/8" meter. Rates for over 100 units or 10,000 Ft³ of use or for additional meter sizes can be found online at Water & Sewer Rates. For questions about your particular bill, contact the City of Columbia's Customer Care Center at (803) 545-3300.

[Download the FAQ Rate Change Brochure](#)



We Are Columbia

Home of The Month

July 2015

Home of the Month

2533 WASHINGTON STREET

- LOCATED IN THE LYON STREET COMMUNITY
- NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
- APPROX 1,375 SQ. FT.
- 3 BED/2 BATHS
- STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES
- WASHER/DRYER
- ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED



\$118,000

NEED A LOAN? THE CITY LOAN PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP ARRANGE AFFORDABLE HOME LOANS IN COLUMBIA FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. APPLICANTS MUST MEET INCOME GUIDELINES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COLUMBIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AT (803) 545-3769 OR WWW.COLUMBIASC.NET/CHDC.



Girls Golf Clinics

The James E. Clyburn Golf Center
presents **Girls Golf Clinics**



The **Girls Golf Clinics** are **FREE** clinics held every other Saturday beginning June 27 - October 31 at the James E. Clyburn Golf Center, a LPGA-USGA Girls Golf site. The James E. Clyburn Golf Center is located at **2091 Slighs Avenue.**



The clinics will be held from **10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**, and attendees will learn the fundamentals, etiquette and rules of golf. No equipment is necessary. **The Girls Golf Clinics** are open to girls ages **5-18.**



To register, visit <http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation/athletics/golf>.



For more information, please call 803-255-8920.

#FoodShareColumbia

FoodShare Columbia Good Healthy Food For All

City of Columbia Parks and Recreation, Richland Library, USC School of Medicine, EdVenture Children's Museum and the Columbia Housing Authority are partnering to bring Fresh Food Boxes to your Community!

What is a Fresh Food Box?
A real box of food filled with top-quality fruits and vegetables from local and regional farmers.



Cost: \$20; \$10 for SNAP Participants. Cash and EBT are accepted
Fresh Food Boxes may be ordered twice per month Monday through Friday between 10 AM—2 PM and 4 PM—7 PM.

Place your order at Bellfield Cultural Arts Center, 2611 Grant Street
Fresh Food Boxes must be preordered.



FoodShare Columbia connects families and communities with affordable, fresh fruits and vegetables through the use of a Fresh Food Box.

For more information, call 803-255-8161.



Click [here](#) to view City Talk interview.

Capital City Beach Party



FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 10PM

Parks and Recreation Department
1111 Parkside Drive
Columbia, SC 29201
803-545-3100
ColumbiaSC.net

2015

Capital City

**BEACH
PARTY**

FREE!

We're bringing the beach to the city! Bring your towels, beach chairs, sunscreen and dancing shoes for a day of fun in the sun!

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

**Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street
2PM - 10PM**

featuring the sounds of The Original TAMS at 8PM

Other activities include:

*Sand volleyball exhibition, beach games, limbo contest,
karaoke and fireworks at 10PM.*

Face painting, food and craft vendors will be available for a fee.



For more information, please call 803.545.3100 or email kcmitchell@columbiasc.net.



North Main Improvements & Streetscaping Open House

North Main Improvements & Streetscaping Open House



Fairfield Rd.

Join us!

The City of Columbia will hold an open house for residents, businesses, and stakeholders to learn about updates on the North Main Improvements & Streetscaping Project and related efforts.

When & Where?

Tuesday, July 7th from 6-7 PM
Eau Claire Print Building at 3907 Ensor Ave.

What Will Be Covered?

- North Main Improvements & Streetscaping Project, including site maps, schedule and general progress
- Available assistance to area businesses for improvements
- Penny Tax projects at work in the City of Columbia
- New water & sewer rates and how to use the City's online bill estimator
- The new recycling roll-cart roll-out for City residents that will be taking place this summer

Small Business Compliance and Legal Issues Workshop

SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL ISSUES WORKSHOP

Come learn small business compliance legal and issues to operate a successful and sustainable small business!

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Nexsen Pruet, LLC
1230 Main Street, Suite 700
Cost: \$15

Visit <https://business-legal-issues-and-compliance2.eventbrite.com>
to register today!



For more information, visit www.columbiasc.net/obo/calendar or contact Angelo McBride at 803-545-3960 or aamcbride@columbiasc.net.



National Night Out

Save the Dates!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Fighting Crime. Increasing Safety. Creating Awareness.

National Night Out Kickoff

Thursday, July 30, 2015

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

1101 Lincoln Street

4-9 p.m.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Your Neighborhood!

5-9 p.m.



For more information, call Community Development at 803-545-3373 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

Fireworks Safety



Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Nearly half of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- » Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- » After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.



**HOW
HOT
DOES
A
SPARKLER
BURN?**



CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees Fahrenheit**, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children ages 10–14 as for the general population.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

Grilling Safety



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- ▶▶▶ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ▶▶▶ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ▶▶▶ Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- ▶▶▶ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ▶▶▶ Never leave your grill unattended.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ▶▶▶ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ▶▶▶ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ▶▶▶ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ▶▶▶ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ▶▶▶ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

FACTS

- ❗ In 2004–2008 fire departments responded to an average of 7,700 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues, including 4,500 outside fires and 3,200 structure fires.
- ❗ July was the peak month for grill fires in 2004–2008.
- ❗ More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.



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National Picnic Month

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PICNIC MONTH



IN THE CITY

Join the City of Columbia in celebrating National Picnic Month, July 1 - 31. We encourage citizens to share photos of their picnics within the City limits, using **#citypicnic2015** on social media. There are many locations in the City to host a picnic including City parks, neighborhood green spaces or your own backyard. Pack a picnic and visit one of the 60 City parks and/or green spaces.

To find a park location near you visit <http://www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation/facilities>

For more information, contact the Public and Media Relations Department at 803- 545-3020 or visit [columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).

Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
July 9 at 4pm	DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
July 14 at 10am	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
July 21 at 2pm	WORK SESSION	1737 Main Street
July 21 at 6pm	CITY COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers

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