



FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP



Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction



36th Annual Veterans Day Parade

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CELEBRATE...THE 36TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE!

The 36th Annual City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The event will kick off at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Sumter and Laurel Streets, and travel southbound on Sumter Street ending at Pendleton Street near the State House.

The Veterans Day Parade is hosted by the City of Columbia, Parks and Recreation, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

Known as one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day Parades

For more information, please call Parks and Recreation at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

MAYOR'S WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence was held at Finlay Park on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Nearly 1300 participants joined Mayor Steve Benjamin and Councilwoman Tameika Issac Devine.

The walk was a success and brought awareness to domestic violence. During the opening ceremony, Verizon Wireless presented SisterCare with a check of \$11,500.

South Carolina is currently ranked second in the nation for women killed by men and nearly one in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

The City of Columbia wants citizens to know that there is help for those who want to leave abusive relationships in the Midlands. .

ANTI-BULLYING AND SCHOOL SAFETY SUMMIT

The U.S. Attorney's Office, SC Department of Education, SC Law Enforcement Officers' Association, SC Bar (Law Related Education), and the Columbia Police Department will host the 2014 Youth Anti-Bullying and School Safety Summit at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, SC, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

The 2014 Youth Anti-Bullying and School Safety Summit is designed to give school administrators, guidance counselors, school resource officers, school safety committee members and students an opportunity to work together to make their schools safe and to take a stand against bullying, not only in their schools but also outside the school environment.

To register, visit www.scleoa.org/lecc by Nov. 24. Questions about the 2014 Youth Anti-Bullying and School Safety Summit may be directed to USASC-LECC@usa.doj.gov or to Becky Plyler, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at the U.S. Attorney's Office at 803.929.3009.



FIRE PREVENTION PARADE

Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins and the Columbia Fire Department kicked off the 2014 Fire Prevention Week with the 18th annual Fire Prevention Parade on October 6, 2014 on Main and Laurel Streets. The city gathered together to learn more about fire safety.

“In a fire, seconds count,” said Chief Jenkins. “Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.”

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign included the following smoke alarm messages:

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don’t respond properly.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

To find out more about smoke alarms and “Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives”, visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.

LADY STREET SUITES GRAND OPENING

Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. hosted a ribbon cutting for its multi-tenant building, Lady Street Suites on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 1509 Lady Street. Columbia City Councilmembers, City Manager Teresa Wilson, Field Representative for Congressman Clyburn John Rickenbacker, Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. Board of Directors and staff, City staff and business leaders attended. The building serves as office space for small businesses and offices are available for rent.

“Thanks to our volunteer board of directors, elected officials, City leadership team, HUD and the U.S. Congressional office,” said Felicia Maloney, Executive Director of the Columbia Empowerment Zone. “ We have a building that we saved from blight and have turned it into at tractive office space for start-up companies.”



ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

The City of Columbia Art Center will host its annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Earlewood Park Community Center from 10-5 p.m.

The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists. The event also will feature artwork from participants in the Creative Journey Program, Fort Jackson's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Art Center's Veterans Art Program.

For more information, call Brenda Oliver at 803-545-3093.

MAYOR'S ISABEL LAW BREAKFAST

Hundreds of people from the Midlands came to enjoy the southern breakfast cooked by City of Columbia staff.

"As a City, we are a service provider. These are the times we use our service to go above and beyond to promote Breast Cancer Awareness," said City Manager Teresa Wilson. "We're making sure we do our part as a City to uplift survivors."

All proceeds from the breakfast benefited Bosom Buddies, a 501(c)3 organization sponsored by Palmetto Health Breast Center that assists women who are in need of mastectomy camisoles or have other post-surgical needs.

"This is probably the most enjoyable event we do all year. People not just from this city but from all across the region come together in this fight against Breast Cancer. Our lives are very different but we come together as a community in this effort," Mayor Steve Benjamin.

The Mayor's breakfast is named in memory of Isabel Law, who was a breast cancer survivor for 26 years and a registered nurse at the Baptist campus of Palmetto Health.



ENGENUITYSC'S IGNITE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

EngenuitySC's Ignites Annual celebration will be held at The Zone at Williams Brice Stadium from 5-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014. Ignite! is a signature event that brings together new media, technology and business leaders, innovators, students and entrepreneurs to celebrate forward-thinking economic development in the Midlands.

Tickets are \$75 for a reserved seat at a table. To reserve an entire table for eight, sponsorships are available. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.engenuitysc.com/ignite/i-want-a-ticket>.

Hosts include Steve Benjamin, Mayor of Columbia, and University of South Carolina President Dr. Harris Pastides, both Executive Committee Co-Chairs at EngenuitySC. ABC Columbia anchor Anderson Burns will again serve as emcee. Anchor sponsors for Ignite! 2014 are BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Wells Fargo Bank and McWaters, Inc.

For more information, visit <http://www.engenuitysc.com>.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD START FRESH FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The City of Columbia Community Development will hold a Financial Education Workshop on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The workshop will focus on the importance of banking, budgeting, saving and building your credit.

For more information or to register, call 803.545.0280 or visit www.columbiasc.net.



PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AT THE NICK

Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine hosted Columbia's premiere of the HBO documentary, "Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life of Katrina Gilbert" on Sunday, October 19 at the Nickelodeon Theatre. More than 80 people registered for the event.

"The film is very important because the life and times of Katrina Gilbert are everyday people like you and me," said Councilwoman Devine. "We really have to see that there is more that we can do as a community and a country to make sure people are not living on the brink of poverty. So many times we have people who are living paycheck to paycheck and so I wanted to elevate the discussion so that we can think about what more we need to be doing as policy makers, as citizens and as a community to help people be empowered financially."

The film focused on the unequal status women face in 2014, which highlights the recent Shriver Report: "A Women's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink." The documentary was followed by a Q&A session featuring Dr. Linda Salane, Board Member for Cooperative Ministries; Karen R. Jenkins, President & CEO KRJ Consulting, LLC; and Anita Floyd, Senior VP for Community Impact and Strategic Implementation of United Way of the Midlands.

"Money has been a taboo topic for years. We have to start having those conversations and educate ourselves about money," said Karen R. Jenkins.

"Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life of Katrina Gilbert" was a part of The Nickelodeon's Civil Rights Sundays series. Each screening is followed by a post-film discussion exploring social justice issues in an effort to expand the conversation and contribute to social change.

For more information, visit www.nickelodeon.org.



Photos above: Dr. Linda Salane, Karen R. Jenkins, Anita Floyd, and Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine

ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes:** (Seeking five applicants) The purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes is to hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made the zoning administrator or the Consolidated Review Committee in the enforcement of the code when the property is governed by a form based code. Term - 3 years.

- **Planning Commission:** (Seeking one applicant)

The purpose of this commission is to develop and maintain a continuing planning program which will benefit City of Columbia residents; to provide a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and address local development issues and opportunities; to foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities in order to insure orderly growth, development, conservation and preservation; to furnish technical assistance to city government and its agents; and to review and coordinate federal, state and local programs that have an impact on the city Term - 3 years .

Applications are due no later than November 7, 2014, 5 p.m. For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to cflucius@columbiasc.net.



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PLAN COLUMBIA OPEN HOUSE

How should the city grow and develop in the future?

SEE THE DRAFT PLAN

quality design of the built environment • strong neighborhoods • connected greenways • a strong city center
• a range of housing choices • use of vacant structures and land • creating critical mass • a connected city

Building on community input collected at the Plan Columbia Workshop in July, the City has prepared a draft Land Use Plan. Come to the open house to see the plan, share thoughts on the recommendations, and talk one-on-one with the planning team. This is your opportunity to give input on the plan recommendations before city leadership considers formally adopting the plan. Don't miss your opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft Land Use Plan.

November 5

Wednesday

11 am – 2 pm

6 pm – 8 pm

**EdVenture
Children's Museum**

The Canal Room, 211 Gervais St.
(use entrance facing canal)

Come during the time most convenient to you and view the material at your own pace.

www.weplantogether.org



Save the Date:

The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204

www.drewwellnesscenter.com

803-545-3200



FREE to the public!

Cooking Healthy for the Holidays

When: November 10 at 5:30-6:30PM

Where: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

Join us and Registered Dietitian, Ashley Raash from DHEC's Office of Public Health Nutrition, as we get the holiday season started by learning about cooking healthier meals in this fun, interactive class! During this cooking demonstration you'll help prepare and sample a fun, healthy dish that you can add to your holiday table.



For more information or to register call 545-3200 or visit the Member Services Desk at the Drew Wellness Center.



Holiday Closings

2014 City of Columbia Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Official & Designated Day-Date
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday— November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday— November 28, 2014
Christmas Day	Thursday— December 25, 2014
Day in conjunction with Christmas	Friday— December 26, 2014



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