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CITY MANAGER

City Manager's Spotlight



The City Manager's Spotlight provides details about what is happening in the City of Columbia in an effort to keep citizens informed about City operations. The City Manager's Spotlight on November 2014 reflects on the Inclement Weather Center, 2014 Women's Hall of Fame Induction, MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship, Holiday safety tips, United Way Kick-Off campaign, Small Business Saturday, Main Street Ice, MLK Food Drive and more.

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City Manager Wilson announces Inclement Weather Center partnership for operations.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CENTER OPENED TO PROVIDE SHELTER DURING COLD TEMPERATURES

United Way of the Midlands, in partnership with Transitions, Salvation Army and the City of Columbia, will operate an Inclement Weather Center at 191 Calhoun on nights that are expected to drop to 40 degrees or below until April 1.

"My sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all of our partners and to the staff at the City of Columbia for all of their work related to the opening of the Inclement Weather Center," said City Manager Teresa Wilson. "This collaboration is a true example of how we can work together toward a common goal and implement a plan of action for a worthy cause. We will continue to work together to provide shelter and other resources to those who need assistance.

A decision to open the Center will be made daily at noon.

"I am proud of the commitment and dedication demonstrated by our team at the City and by those who represent our partner agencies."

~City Manager Teresa Wilson

To find out if the shelter will open on a particular night, call 2-1-1 or go to www.midlandshomeless.com.

Adult men and women who want to use the Center will be picked up between 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 1219 Laurel Street. Guests will not register in advance. The Salvation Army will prepare hot meals for dinner in along with a small breakfast and services such as showers. The shelter will close every morning by 7:00 a.m.

CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON INDUCTED IN 2014 WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME



City Manager Teresa Wilson Inducted Into the 2014 Women's Hall of Fame

City Manager Teresa Wilson was inducted into the 2014 Women's Hall of Fame by Southeast Small Business Magazine (SESBM) at its Second Annual Women of Influence Breakfast on October 31.

SESBM recognizes women who have reached senior level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry, have proven history-making feats or have attained the ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government. Last year, SESBM recognized Wilson as one of "Columbia's Top 30 Women of Influence."

CITY OF COLUMBIA'S OUTDOOR ICE SKATING RINK RETURNS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Grab your family and friends, and head down to Boyd Plaza for Main Street ICE! The City's outdoor ice skating rink, located at the corner of Main and Hampton streets, has returned for another year of fun for the whole family.

Main Street ICE opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, and will remain open until January 19, 2015.

The ice rink will be open seven days a week at the following hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.
Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

The fee to skate is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children (age 12 and under) and \$8 for active duty military and seniors (55+). The fee includes skate rentals.

The rink will be closed on Christmas Day and will be open until 12 a.m. on New Year's Eve.



For more information regarding discounts and special visits, click [HERE](#).

MADD SOUTH CAROLINA HOSTS CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF: TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY®

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) South Carolina held two [Tie One On For Safety](#) events to kick off a safe 2014 holiday season. With Nationwide as MADD's National Presenting Sponsor, *Tie One On For Safety* is MADD's longest running and most visible awareness campaign. From November 11 to January 1 drivers across the nation are encouraged to display MADD red ribbons on their vehicles as a reminder to plan ahead for a designated non-drinking driver, and in support of law enforcement crackdown efforts.

As the holiday season vastly approaches, celebrations with friends and family where alcohol is served will be on a rise causing drunk driving fatalities to increase. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve in 2012, 1,091 people were killed in drunk driving crashes nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

For more information on Tie One On For Safety, please visit madd.org/toofs.



Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins was named the 2015 Honorary Chairman of MADD South Carolina.



UNITED WAY KICK-OFF CAMPAIGN



City Manager Wilson and Mac Bennett, President and CEO of United Way of the Midlands

City Manager Wilson gave the first pledge to the United Way kickoff campaign for the City of Columbia on Thursday, Nov.6. The City is one of United Way's top 40 contributors in employee giving. Last year's City campaign raised \$53,305 and the goal for this year's campaign is \$58,000.

"The City of Columbia is an important partner in our shared mission of serving Midlands residents," said Chris Burnette, Asst. Vice President of United Way of the Midlands. "The United Way is appreciative of City employee contributions, which help us focus on Financial Stability, Healthcare and Education for those who need it most."

United Way of the Midlands works to determine and respond to the critical human service needs of the community. For more information, visit www.uway.org.



CITY OF COLUMBIA ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MLK DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIP

The City of Columbia is accepting nominations for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarship Awards.

The Dream Keeper Award recognizes exemplary displays of committed service to the tenets of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The ideals of social responsibility, political empowerment, diversity, racial harmony, nonviolence, and unselfish service must be demonstrated voluntarily by the nominee in support of his or her community and fellow citizens.

The nominee **must** be age 18 or younger and enrolled in school with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.



Applications are available [online](#) for download or at any community center.

Applications must be returned in person or by mail to the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. Applications must be post-marked by Friday, January 2, 2015.

Winners will be announced at the City of Columbia's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Mon., January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street.

For more information, contact Shireese Bell at 803-545-3100 or smbell@columbiasc.net.

ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HONOR THE DREAM FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

The City of Columbia, Richland School District One and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation have kicked off the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive benefiting Harvest Hope Food Bank. The food drive ends on January 2, 2015.

The food drive is held each year to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of community service. Some requested items include canned fruit and vegetables, dry goods and canned meats.

The public can drop off donations at the following locations:

City of Columbia Art Center, 1932 Calhoun Street
City Hall, 1737 Main Street
Columbia Tennis Center, 1635 Whaley Street
Drew Wellness Center, 2101 Walker Solomon Way
Earlewood Park, 1111 Parkside Drive
Emily Douglas Park, 2500 Wheat Street
James E. Clyburn Golf Center, 2091 Slighs Avenue
Greenview Park, 6700 David Street
Hampton Park, 117 Brandon Avenue
Heathwood Park, 800 Abelia Road
Hyatt Park, 950 Jackson Avenue
Katheryn M. Bellfield Booker Washington Heights
Cultural Arts Center, 2611 Grant Street

Lorick Park, 1600 Lorick Avenue
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street
Melrose Park, 1500 Fairview Road
Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Road
St. Anna's Park, 1315 Liberty Hill Avenue
Sims Park, 3500 Duncan Street
Woodland Park, 6500 Olde Knight Parkway
City Human Resources, 1225 Lady Street
Columbia Fire Department, 1800 Laurel Street
Columbia Police Department, 1 Justice Square

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



Honor the Dream Food Drive flyer - [Download PDF](#)

COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The Columbia Police Department encourages citizens to be alert and cautious while shopping, especially during the holiday seasons. The following tips from the Columbia Police Department can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.



[Shopping Tips](#)

- Use credit or debit cards rather than carrying large sums of cash.
- Shop with one or more friends. There is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying too many packages. Being overloaded will make you an easy target.

[ATM Safety Tips](#)

- Choose an ATM that is located inside a mall, store or well-lighted location.
- Withdraw only the amount of cash needed.
- Do not use an easily detectable PIN (birth date).

[Child Safety Tips](#)

- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.

[Travel Safety Tips](#)

- Wear your safety belt.
- Plan ahead and expect the unexpected.
- Keep car doors locked and windows rolled up.

[Home Safety Tips](#)

- Lock all outside doors and windows, and if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is in full working order.
- As a fire precaution don't leave decorative lights on while you are out.
- Once you've opened all of your gifts, don't leave the boxes in view outside.

Visit ColumbiaPD.net/holiday_safety.html for more holiday safety tips from the Columbia Police Department.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES



The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities partnered with local shopping districts for Small Business Saturday on Nov. 29. Citizens that shopped in one of the seven designated districts and participated in #SelfieSaturday were eligible to win a \$50 gift card.

To participate, citizens took photos of their purchase and themselves with their receipt from a small, locally-owned store or business and sent a tweet to [@columbiaobo](https://twitter.com/columbiaobo) with the hashtag #SelfieSaturday.

The participating districts were as follows:

- Devine Street: jennifersuber@sc.rr.com
- Five Points: amybeth@fivepointscolumbia.com
- Main St & City Center: info@citycentercolumbia.sc
- North Columbia: info@northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com
- Rosewood: rosewoodmerchants@gmail.com
- Two Notch: jmcgraw00@yahoo.com
- Vista: Sarah@vistacolumbia.com

For more information about the Office of Business Opportunities, visit ColumbiaSC.net.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns, suggestions and hopes for our City. I take pleasure in my service to each of you!

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