

City Manager's *Spotlight*

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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 September 2015 reflects on the Report to the Community, OBO's Small Business Lender Matchmaker event, City Hoops, PARKing Day 2015 and more.



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CITY'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES HOSTS SMALL BUSINESS EVENT



In a true collaboration between municipal, state and federal government, the City of Columbia, along with several partner organizations, held a small business lender matchmaker event on September 24, 2015. Partners of the event included the City's Office of Business Opportunities, S.C. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The event featured a lender-led panel discussion, a matchmaking session and exhibitor displays to provide small business owners with the opportunity to connect with potential lenders.

For more information about these types of events, visit www.scommerce.com.

CITY AND THE MIDLANDS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS HOST FIRST PARK(ING) DAY

On Sept. 18, the City partnered with the Midlands Chapter of the American Landscape Architects (ASLA) to host PARK(ing) Day. This is the first year that the City of Columbia has participated in the nationally recognized event.

PARK(ing) Day is an annual event involving community members, students, and designers transforming metered parking spaces into temporary parklets, which are sidewalk extensions.

The event took place at 1441 Main Street and 933 Gervais Street.

1441 Main Street – Wells Fargo and Drip Columbia

- Two spaces sponsored by Richland Library
- Two spaces sponsored by One Columbia for Arts and History
- One space sponsored by local artist

933 Gervais Street – Panera Bread

- Two spaces sponsored by ASLA

For more information, visit www.Parkingday.org.



PARK(ing) Day 2015 on Main Street.

CITY OF COLUMBIA SUPPORTS U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S CALL TO ACTION TO "STEP IT UP"



On September 9, the U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy issued a call to action, "Step It Up!" to promote walking and walkable communities. This marks a historic step in ensuring that Americans of all ages and abilities have access to safe and convenient opportunities to be active and move safely throughout their communities. The Surgeon General's call to action comes as the National League of Cities (NLC) has been working with city leaders to promote walking and expand walkable communities for their residents.

In recent years, the City of Columbia and partners have taken steps to improve its multi-modal network and advance the culture of bicycling, walking and transit. Examples include additions to the Three Rivers Greenway, the completion of Phase I of the Vista Greenway, installation of bicycle corrals and the first High intensity Activated cross Walk (HAWK) pedestrian signal in South Carolina. Through the implementation of the Walk Bike Columbia initiative, the City strives to make continuous improvements for biking and walking related programs.

The call to action provides actionable steps that city leaders can take to improve their city's walkability and wheelchair accessibility. The report also identifies opportunities and actions that multiple sectors, including health care, education and industry can take to support these efforts.

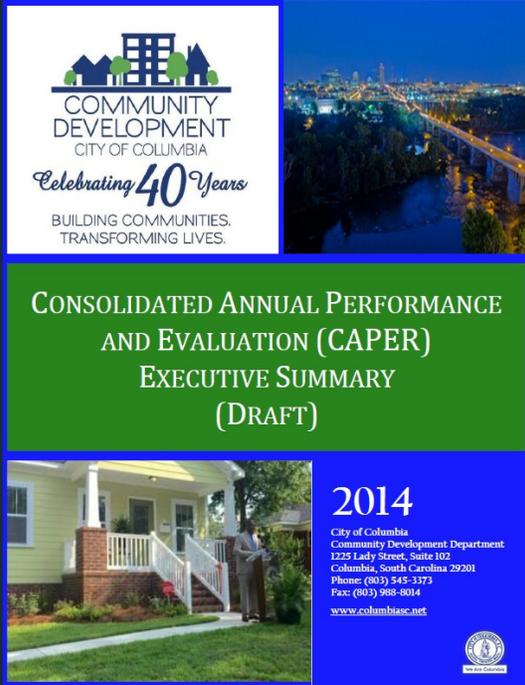
Studies show that when cities implement design solutions to promote walkable communities and active transportation, such as sidewalks, curb cuts and more green spaces, they have greater potential to reap significant public health, economic, environmental and social benefits. These benefits can include improved health of residents and an increase in property values, tourism and economic investment. Walking also provides opportunities for people to build stronger relationships with neighbors and supports stronger overall community bonds among residents.

As city leaders wrestle with issues of growing income inequality and skills gaps, improving walkability is another tool that leaders can use to expand opportunity and foster greater equity and inclusion for all residents. Community design and development that supports walking can help connect low-income communities and communities of color to jobs, housing, education and healthy food options.

NLC looks forward to working with city leaders and continuing to support their efforts to promote walkable communities across the nation. To join the conversation about the call to action on social media, use the hashtag #StepItUp. To learn more about the Walk Bike Columbia initiative, visit www.walkbikecolumbia.org.



CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF COLUMBIA
Celebrating 40 Years
BUILDING COMMUNITIES.
TRANSFORMING LIVES.

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION (CAPER)
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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In accordance with federal regulations, the City of Columbia’s Community Development Department announced a 30-day public comment period to review the draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2014–2015 Fiscal Year. Citizens had the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed draft by attending public hearings or submitting comments through September 21, 2015.

The purpose of the comment period was to allow citizens an opportunity to review and comment on progress, achievements and expenditures of federally-funded programs in the City of Columbia. Public Hearings were held on August 20 at Earlewood Park Community Center and September 15 at City Hall.

A draft summary of the CAPER report can be downloaded at www.ColumbiaSC.net/communitydevelopment. A summary of citizen comments will be included in the 2014–2015 CAPER that will be submitted to HUD.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 803-545-3371.

CITY HOOPS INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The registration period for City Hoops, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department’s instructional youth basketball program, is open for boys and girls ages 3 through 8.

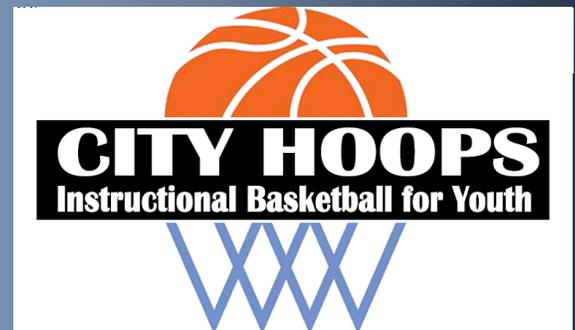
The program is an opportunity for youth to have fun and learn basketball fundamentals. The fee to participate is \$25 per participant. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The last day to register is Friday, October 23. The City Hoops clinics begin Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Registration forms are available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or visit the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, located at 1111 Parkside Drive.

To download a registration form, visit [Parks and Recreation’s Athletics page](#) online and click the “Instructional Sports” link.

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

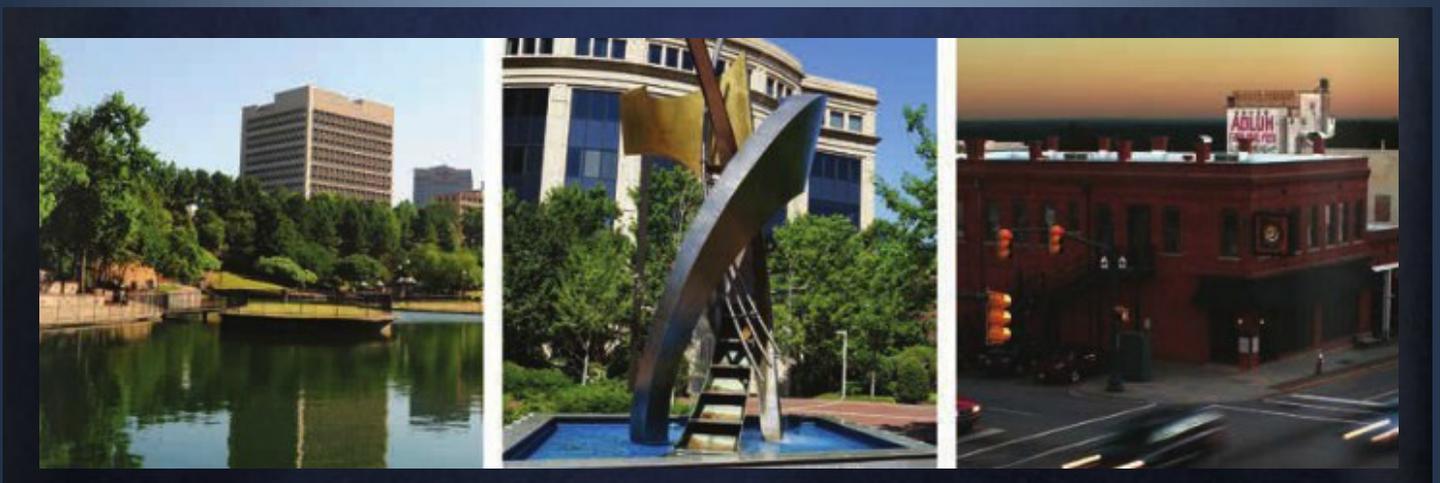


REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY: 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR



The Report to the Community for the 2014–2015 Fiscal Year is provided to citizens for information purposes in order to share accomplishments and highlights related to the City’s operations from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Please note that due to the volume of daily activities required to run, grow and transform our city, this report does not encompass all relevant outcomes during this period of time however, it provides various snapshots from departments across the City of Columbia’s organizational structure.

The Report to the Community for the 2014–2015 Fiscal Year is a publication from the City of Columbia Public and Media Relations Department. To view the Report to the Community, visit columbiasc.net/pr/city-publications/report-to-the-community.



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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!

All my best,

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