



June 9, 2014



CITY TALK

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

- 5:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.**
Guest: Marli Drum, Superintendent, Columbia Animal Services
Topic: June Cat Adoption Specials
- 5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.**
Guest: Wanda Austin, Community Resources Coordinator, Parks & Recreation
Topic: Summer Programs at Booker Washington Heights Cultural Arts Center
- 5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
Guest: Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison, Community Development
Topic: The OMG Homeownership Workshop

NEWS

CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR VIRGINIA PACK SITE

The City of Columbia and Richland County School District One officials announced the demolition and future plans for the former Virginia Pack Elementary School site at a press conference held Friday, June 6. The demolition project was a result of the collaborative effort of the City, the school district and residents of the Belvedere neighborhood.



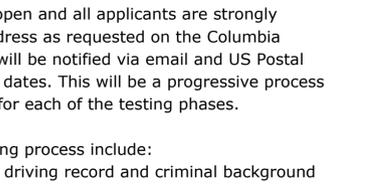
Residents had expressed concerns regarding a need for a recreational presence and community center in the neighborhood. The previous space had become a public safety hazard due to its vacancy.

"For some time, we've heard requests from the Belvedere Community for more public safety and more community amenities and we have begun to eradicate those problems," said Councilman Brian DeQuincey Newman. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine and residents of the Belvedere Community also attended the press conference.

Approximately two years ago, the process and discussions began. The City of Columbia and Richland County School District One came to an agreement that the facility would be too costly to renovate and the layout prohibited efficient reuse. Through a partnership, the City of Columbia and Richland County School District One agreed to demolish the existing structure and build something different. The agreement was signed by Columbia City Council in October 2013.

The City of Columbia has an immediate lease of the property effective for 50 years at a cost of \$1 per year. The property had to go through an environmental assessment before anything could be done. Once the assessment was completed work began on the property, which included an extensive abatement process. The project is a continuous effort. When the demolition is completed, the space will be fine-graded to an open playfield (no structure) and will be referred to as the Virginia Pack Open Playfield & Green Space.

The space will be fully accessible to all residents in the Belvedere community for: cookouts, soccer, football, outdoor gatherings and games for children in the community. It will be the City's responsibility to maintain the property. Construction of a facility/community center is based on future funding.



COUNCILMAN CAMERON RUNYAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

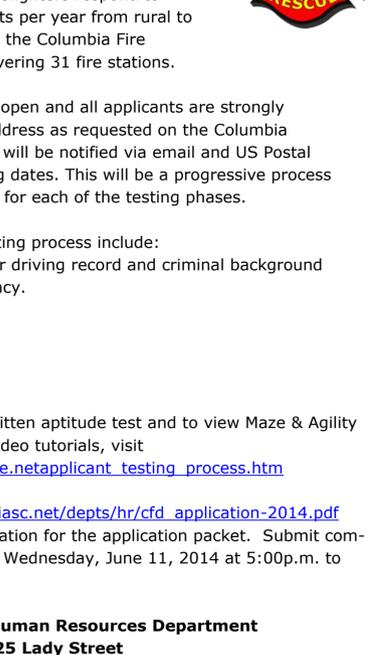
City Councilman Cameron Runyan will host his June Open House on Monday, June 23, 2014 from 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main St.



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

THE OMG OF HOMEOWNERSHIP WORKSHOP IS BACK!

Join Community Development at the 2014 OMG of Homeownership Workshop on Saturday, June 21, at the Midlands Tech NE Campus at 151 Powell Road. It is a free event with great classes, prizes, vendors, refreshments and a lot of great information about buying a home.



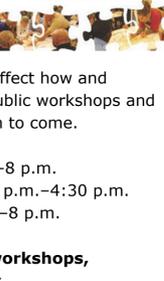
It doesn't matter if you are a homeowner or looking to buy a home, this is a place to come where you can get answers to some of the questions you may have.

This year's workshop will offer a wide variety of new classes as well as some of the favorites from last year. Seating is limited so don't forget to register!

Register online: <http://www.columbiasc.gov/OMG2014>

COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING FIREFIGHTERS

The Columbia Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Probationary Firefighter.



The department is the largest in the state and is responsible for serving nearly 500,000 citizens within the City of Columbia and Richland County. Firefighters respond to 35,000-40,000 emergency incidents per year from rural to densely urban areas. Fully staffed, the Columbia Fire Department has 500 personnel covering 31 fire stations.

The application period is currently open and all applicants are strongly encouraged to provide an email address as requested on the Columbia Firefighter Application. Applicants will be notified via email and US Postal Service for pre-qualification testing dates. This will be a progressive process based on minimum passing scores for each of the testing phases.

Phases of the pre-qualification testing process include:

1. Application, to include a 10 year driving record and criminal background check from the state of residency.
2. Basic aptitude written test.
3. Maze and Physical agility test.
4. Final Application Review.
5. Selected Candidate's Interview.

To purchase a study guide for written aptitude test and to view Maze & Agility test video tutorials, visit http://www.columbiascfire.net/applicant_testing_process.htm

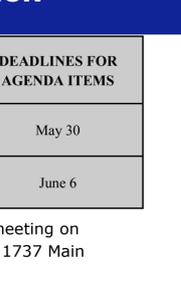
To apply, visit http://www.columbiasc.net/depts/hr/cfd_application-2014.pdf and provide all required documentation for the application packet. Submit completed applications postmarked by Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 5:00p.m. to the following address:

City of Columbia Human Resources Department
1225 Lady Street
PO Box 147
Columbia, S.C. 29217

If you have any questions, please email the Columbia Fire Department at cfcrecruitment@columbiasc.net or call (803) 545-3704.

LET'S PLAN COLUMBIA TOGETHER!

For the first time in almost 50 years, the City of Columbia will have the unprecedented opportunity to directly connect the City's land use plan with its zoning and development regulations. If you care about connecting neighborhoods, providing places for jobs, ensuring housing choices, preserving special places and creating a Columbia future generations will love you should participate in one of the Plan Columbia Workshops.



The workshops and drop-in will be at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street. It is essential to have community input about how to accommodate future growth and development to inform the plan. PLAN TOGETHER is a process to shape policies that will affect how and where the City and CENTER will grow for years to come. Two public workshops and a drop-in will be held to help accommodate everyone who wish to come.

Workshop Part 1: Tuesday June, 24, 2014 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
 Drop-in: Wednesday June, 25, 2014 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
 Workshop Part 2: Thursday, June 26, 2014 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

For more information about the Plan Columbia workshops, Like Plan Columbia's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/weplantogether or columbiasc.net

COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH PALMETTO HEALTH FOR "HEROES' CHALLENGE"

Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins and the Columbia Fire Department in partnership with Palmetto Health announced the 2014 "Heroes' Challenge" during the month of May and June. The "Heroes' Challenge" is a health initiative for residents of the City of Columbia and Richland County as well as all members of Public Safety and their families to receive FREE health screenings and education, offered by Palmetto Health.



The FREE screenings include prostate cancer and diabetes testing for individuals who qualify based on risk levels. These types of screenings are important to ensure one's health and wellness and can even end up saving your life. The Palmetto Health Office of Community Health screening guidelines are:

- African American men age 40 (Family History: Age 35)
- All other men starting at age 50 (Family History: Age 45)

Scheduled screening times include:

- Friday, June 13th 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM 1800 Laurel St (CFD Museum)
- Friday, June 20th 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM 153 Atlas Rd (Atlas Rd Station #8)
- All Public Safety & Family Members

One in seven males will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime and those statistics increase with African-American males to one in five.

Risk factors include:

- Age (African American men over 40 and Caucasian men and other minorities over 50)
- Family history
- Race (African American)
- High-Fat diet

Appointments are not required, but registration is recommended by calling Palmetto Health CareCall at 803-296-CARE (2273) or for more information visit www.PalmettoHealth.org/CommunityHealth.

MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETING DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINES FOR AGENDA ITEMS
June 10	WORK SESSION / BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING / COUNCIL MEETING	May 30
June 17	WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING	June 6

- The Columbia City Board of Zoning will conduct a meeting on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Work Session on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 11 a.m.** at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a meeting and a Budget Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

EAT2WIN
 SPORTS ATTITUDE + TECHNIQUE
 FOOTBALL ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP
 AND HEALTH COMBINE
 WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW

FEATURING **LANGSTON MOORE** AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ALL-STARS

JUNE 10 2014 • 9AM-3PM
CHARLIE W. JOHNSON STADIUM

Join Langston Moore and the South Carolina All-Stars for a football **FUN**damental camp for kids 9-17 and **FREE** health combine for camp participants' Parents and/or Guardian.

\$35 Pre-Registration • \$40 Day-of-Camp Registration

- College Coaches
- NFL Players
- Professional Football Instruction
- Sports Performance Coaching
- Motivational Speakers
- Concussion Awareness
- Diabetes Testing
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Vision Testing
- BMI Measurements
- Endoscopy Consulting
- Nutritional Coaching

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL
 803-586-6796 or Eat2Winincamp@gmail.com
 or visit www.eat2wincamp.eventbrite.com

the columbia housing authority fatherhood initiative

FATHER'S DAY celebration

saturday, june 14, 2014
 drew wellness center
 (on the green)
 10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Featuring Co-Hosts:
 Terrence Garrick & Bobby Brown

FAMILY FUN FOOD GAMES

The CHA bus will pick up at the following locations on the day of the event:
 Latimer Manor
 Gonzales Gardens
 Hammond Village
 Marion St.
 Arrington Manor

sponsored by:

For more information please call: **TJ McDaniel (803)254-3886, ext. 338**

THIS MONTH

Join the Columbia Animal Shelter to Celebrate

NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER CAT MONTH!

Entire Month of June

Special Adoption Event – Name Your Own Price!

(*\$5 minimum – not including City of Columbia Pet License fee of \$5)

All Cats have already been Spayed / Neutered, Microchipped, FELV/FIV Tested & are Current on Vaccines!

For more details on Adoptions, please visit us on Facebook or Contact the Shelter

FREE Chicken Sandwich With Your Cat Adoption!

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