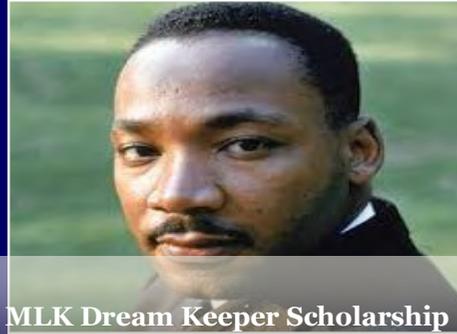




Home Heating Safety



MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship



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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is partnering with local shopping districts for Small Business Saturday on November 29. Citizens who shop in one of the seven designated districts and participate in #SelfieSaturday could win a \$50 gift card.

To participate, citizens must make a purchase from a small, locally-owned store or business, take a photo of themselves and or with the receipt and tweet it to @columbiaobo.

The participating districts and points of contact are:

- Devine Street: jennifer@youreventstaff.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, contact Gerry Lynn Hall at 803.545.3950.



City Talk

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



5:00 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.

Guest: Marli Drum, Superintendent,
Columbia Animal Services

Topic: Adopting Pets for the Holidays

5:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Guest: Angelo McBride, Administrator,
Office Business Opportunities

Topic: NxLevel Micro Entrepreneurial
Workshop

5:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Guest: Jeff Caton, Director of Parks and
Recreation

Topic: Main Street Ice Grand Opening

**For more information about today's topics, contact the
Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.**



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The Week Ahead

HOME HEATING SAFETY

Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins reminds the citizens of the City of Columbia and Richland County that with the expected freezing temperatures over the next several nights to use caution while heating their homes as some heating sources that offer comfort are also a leading cause of home fires and fire fatalities



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), half of all home heating fires occur during the winter months. NFPA research shows that during 2011 home heating equipment was involved in more than 53,600 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated loss of more than 400 civilian deaths, more than 1,520 civilian injuries and roughly \$893 million in direct property damage.

By following these basic fire safety precautions and making small modifications, citizens can greatly reduce the risk of home heating fires.

- All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instruction. Have a qualified professional install the equipment.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can cause illness and even death.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave a room or go to sleep.
- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.

For more information about home heating safety, visit www.nfpa.org/education.

Escape Planning Tips– [Download PDF](#)



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SIMS PARK PLAYGROUND CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Until further notice, the playground area at Sims Park is closed to visitors, effective Friday, November 14 in order for contractors to install new playground equipment, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced. Sims Park is located at 3500 Duncan Street.

The playground area is closed to allow for site preparation and installation. The old playground equipment has been removed and the installation of the new equipment will begin on Monday, November 24. The park's neighborhood center will continue normal operating hours.

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

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.

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

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 postmarked by Friday, January 2, 2015.**

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



MLK Dream Keeper Scholarship Application – [Download PDF](#)



COLUMBIA RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY THROUGH LET'S MOVE! CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES



The National League of Cities (NLC) recognized the City of Columbia for achieving gold medals in all five Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) goal areas, which are based on achievements made to improve access to healthy, affordable food and promote physical activity for children and adults. This is the highest distinction a community can receive from the LMCTC initiative. The City of Columbia was recognized at NLC's annual conference in Austin, Texas Thursday, November 20, 2014.

The National League of Cities also recognized Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine for her “tenacious dedication to Let's Move! Columbia and countless hours spent improving the health of residents in Columbia.”

Devine was recognized in the “Most Dedicated Local Elected Official Award” category.

“We applaud the City of Columbia for being at the forefront of a growing national movement to improve the health of children and families,” said NLC President Chris Coleman, Mayor of Saint Paul, Minn. “States and cities across the country have recently reported declines in childhood obesity rates. We are hopeful that these types of dedicated efforts will spread and allow us to make continued progress in reversing America's epidemic of childhood obesity.”

This year, the City of Columbia joins an elite group of 23 cities and counties that have earned five gold medals as a result of their leadership and dedication to ending childhood obesity and improving the health of their residents. In addition, six city leaders and two cities were honored for their overall efforts to prevent childhood obesity and improve the health of their residents.

LMCTC is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative to ensure that kids can grow up healthy. LMCTC works closely with local elected officials nationwide to adopt policies that improve access to healthy affordable food and opportunities for physical activity for their constituents across five goal areas.

“We're beginning to turn the tide on childhood obesity in America's communities, and we can't stop now, especially when it comes to our work at the local level,” First Lady Michelle Obama said. “City and county officials have provided essential leadership for these efforts, and their innovative approaches and effective solutions can help ensure that all our children have a healthy start in life.”

For more information about the cities, counties and individuals recognized, visit www.citiesspeak.org/2014/11/20/lets-move-achievements.

PARK OF THE WEEK: MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park was dedicated in November 1986 along with the unveiling of the South Carolina Vietnam Monument. It is the largest monument of its type outside of Washington, D.C.

The Vietnam Monument features two granite walls that are inscribed with the names of 980 South Carolinians who died in Vietnam.

The park also includes monuments honoring the USS Columbia warship and those that served with her during WWII; the China-Burma-India

Theater Veterans of WWII; the 25 men from South Carolina who died during the Pearl Harbor attack; the 6 million Holocaust victims and survivors; the men and women serving in the Korean War; Gold Star families; and the latest memorial—"The Sailor."

"The Sailor" is a bronze statue honoring all South Carolinians who served in the United States Navy. The statue was unveiled on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2014. The statue is a gift from Columbia native Henry W. Crede, 91, who now lives in Boston. The statute, which was created by Camden artist Maria Kirby-Smith, is in memory of Crede's shipmates who were killed during the war.

For more information about parks in the City of Columbia, please visit the Parks & Recreation Department's page online.



PET OF THE WEEK: LUCILE



Lucile is a three-year-old terrier. She is very affectionate and is in need of someone to cuddle with. Lucile is spayed and microchipped. Visit her today to see if she's the pet for you!

Visit Lucile and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month! Senior pets bond very strongly with adopters and understand that they have been given another chance at a happy life.

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 one (1) Landscape or Urban Planner.

The City of Columbia is accepting applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes. Applicant being sought must meet the following criteria- have expertise in landscape or urban planning. 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 (1) 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. The Commission also advises City Council on annexations, zoning changes and approves subdivision plats/large development plans. Term – 3 years. For more information [check here](#).

Deadline – Applications are due no later than December 11, 2014, 5 p.m.

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to cflucius@columbiasc.net. You can also visit our website at <https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions> to download an application.



Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

MAIN STREET ICE GRAND OPENING



City of Columbia
Parks & Recreation Department
1111 Parkside Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
ColumbiaSC.net

Main Street ICE

A Famously Hot Place To Skate!

(Boyd Plaza - Corner of Main & Hampton Streets)

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Closed on Christmas Day
Open late New Year's Eve (12am)

For more information or group reservations, contact Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100

The City of Columbia and Magic Ice U.S.A., Inc. have partnered to bring a 50' X 63' synthetic ice skating rink to the plaza, located in front of the Columbia Museum of Art. Come out and enjoy live music & DJ, face painting, giveaways, games, and more! The rink will be open seven days a week.



Location: Boyd Plaza – 1515 Main St.

Time: 5 – 10 p.m.

Admission: \$8

Phone: 803-545-3100

Website: ColumbiaSC.net



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ROCKWELL ROCKS!

An exhibition of South Carolina student art from around the state. Students explore the processes and techniques used by Norman Rockwell to create their own work capturing their personal histories.

Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: free with membership or admission

Phone: 803-799-2810

Website: <http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/thea/>



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET



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The Nutcracker features dancers, both pre-professional and professional, from all over the region including the Carolina Ballet senior, junior and apprentice ensembles.

Location: The Township Auditorium: 1703 Taylor St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$12.50

Phone: 803-576-2350

Website: <http://thetownship.org/events/>



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CHAPMANS'S CHARLESTON 1863-1864

The exhibition includes artwork from 15 South Carolina artists. The works represent a wide variety of media, including installation art, painting, printmaking, collage, sculpture and mixed media work. In addition, installation art by Jocelyn Chateauvert, Virginia Scotchie and Jonathan Brilliant will be seen, as will the work of mixed media artists, painters and the final collage constructions of the late, world-renowned Robert Courtright of Sumter, created shortly before his death in late 2012.



Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 10– 5 p.m.

Admission: Adults 13+ \$8.95; Seniors 62 & over: \$7.95; Children 12 and under: \$6.95; Infants 2 and under: FREE; The military discount is \$1 off

Phone: 803- 898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

JACK AND THE GIANT

CMT's fall production is a twist on the classic story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Featuring some of their largest puppets.

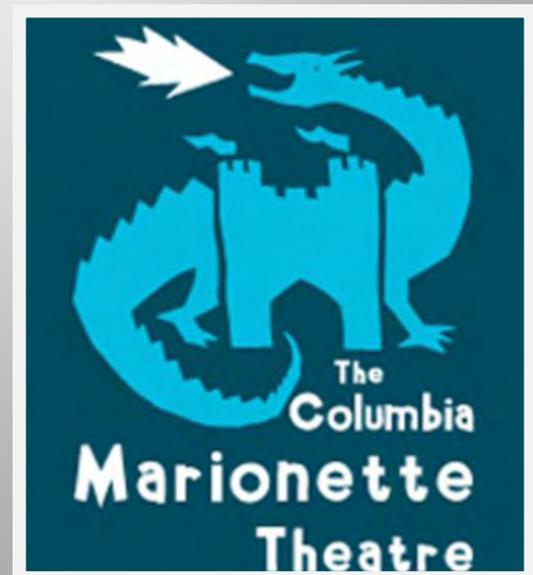
Location: Columbia Marionette Theatre

Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5.75

Phone: 803-252-7366

Website: <http://cmtpuppet.org/>



SODA CITY MARKET



Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

Location: Soda City Market, 1500 block of Main Street

Time: 8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

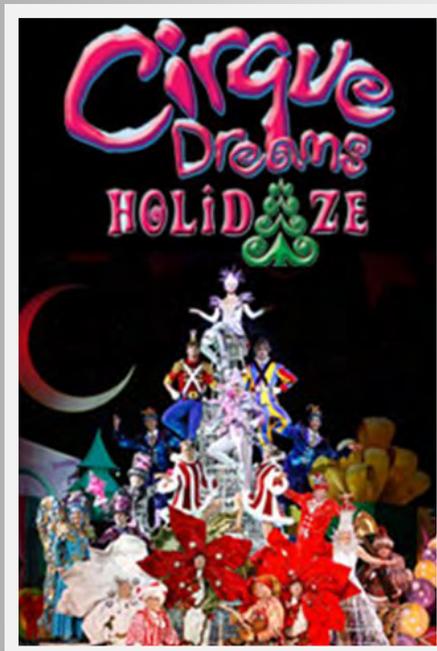
Cost: Free entry (prices vary for each vendor)

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: Sodacitysc.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE



Cirque Dreams lights up with 2014 holiday season with its critically acclaimed holiday stage extravaganza Cirque Dreams Holidaze, Broadway musical and family Christmas spectacular all in one! The show also celebrates the most wonderful time of the year with singers, original music and seasonal favorites all performed in a winter wonderland of amazement. See it in Columbia before opening in NY in 2015!

Location: Koger Center for the Arts – 1051 Greene St.

Time: 7 p.m.

Admission: Prices Vary

Phone: 803-777-7500

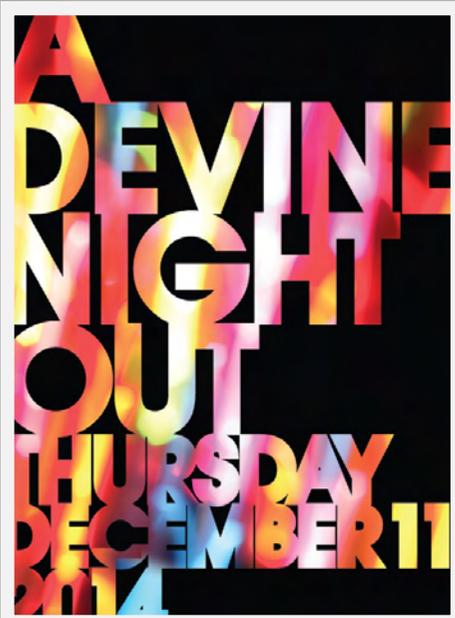
Website: <http://www.broadwayincolumbia.com/upcoming-shows/#cirque>



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A DEVINE NIGHT OUT



“A Devine Night Out” is Columbia’s PREMIER holiday event. More than 50 stores and restaurants on Devine Street in Columbia will welcome guests from 5 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th for an evening of shopping, socializing and festive cheer. The celebrations continue from 8-10 p.m. with a fabulous FREE After Party at Henry’s (2865 Devine Street), featuring live entertainment and an assortment of complimentary food beverages.

Presented by the Devine Street Association and the City of Columbia. For more information, visit www.devinestreetcolumbiasc.com.

GALA OF THE ROYAL HORSES



Audiences will experience the excitement, splendor, and majesty of the Gala of the Royal Horses for the first time as the show makes its US debut. The Gala of the Royal Horses is a spectacular entertainment event combining the most beautiful horses in the world with live performers creating a breathtaking event for the entire family. The Gala of the Royal Horses is a “must see” for horse lovers and families.

Location: Colonial Life Arena – 801 Lincoln St.

Time: 3 p.m.

Admission: \$27-\$77

Phone: 803-576-9077

Website: <http://coloniallifearena.com/events/eventpages/525.asp#.VGDtkePIZUM>



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MLK Jr. Food Drive



City of Columbia **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** **"HONOR THE DREAM"** **FOOD DRIVE**



Please join the City of Columbia, Richland School District One and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation, as we help fight hunger in the Greater Columbia area. All food collected will benefit the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Some suggested items include canned fruits, meats and vegetables, soup, and dry goods (rice, pasta).
Food drive ends January 2, 2015

Donations will be collected during normal business hours at the following locations:

City Hall
1731 Main Street

Washington Square
1339 Main Street

City Human Resources
1225 Lady Street

Police Headquarters
#1 Justice Square

Fire Department
1800 Laurel Street

Public Works
2910 Colonial Drive

James E. Clyburn
Golf Center
2091 Slighs Avenue

Charles R. Drew
Wellness Center
2101 Walker Solomon Way



Martin Luther King Jr.
Memorial Foundation

For more information, call 803-645-3100.

Columbia Tennis
Center
1635 Whaley Street

Columbia Art Center
1928 Calhoun Street

Main Street Ice
Corner of Main &
Hampton Streets

City Parks

For a list of City park
sites, please visit
www.columbiasc.net



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Save the Date!



City of Columbia
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ColumbiaSC.net



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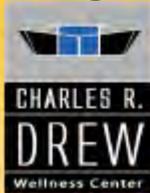
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"Fight the Holiday Fat" Special



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29201

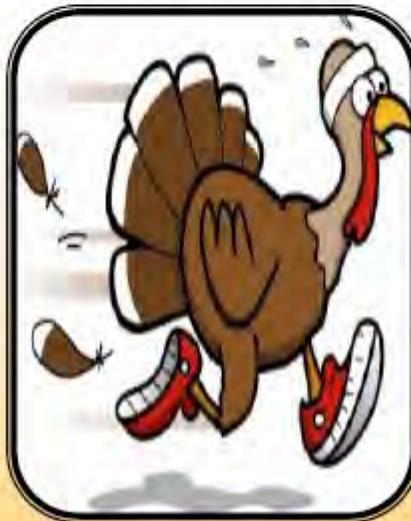
803-545-3200

www.drewwellnesscenter.com

"Fight the Holiday Fat" Special

For a limited time, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering a **"Fight the Holiday" Fat Membership Special** on new or renewing *monthly memberships*.

Monthly Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non-Resident)	"Fight the Holiday Fat Special" (Ends Nov. 30)
ADULT (18-49)	\$39/\$47	\$29
SENIOR (50+)	\$33/\$39	\$29
FAMILY (Up to 4 people)	\$66/\$79	\$55



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Adopt a Senior Pet Month

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

All Cats & Dogs over 3 years are \$20, all November

All +3 year old Cats/Dogs go home
with +55 year old for *FREE!*

Their Affection; Timeless
Their Devotion; Ageless
And their Love; Forever...

Go To
Petfinder
To View Our
Adoptable Pets



**Columbia Animal
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127 Humane Lane
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Meetings/Closings

- City Council members will conduct an Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 25 at 9 a.m. at City Hall.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Work Session on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 2 p.m. at City Hall.
- The Columbia City Council will conduct a Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- City of Columbia offices will be closed on November 27-28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The Columbia Art Center will be closed for a Christmas break from Monday, December 22-28, 2014. The center will reopen Monday, December 29, 2014, at 9 a.m.

Garbage Collection Schedule Changes

- Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2014 will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2014.
- Garbage/Recycling pickup scheduled for Friday, November 28, 2014 will be rescheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2014.



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