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# City Connection



## CITY OF COLUMBIA'S OUTDOOR ICE SKATING RINK RETURNS TO BOYD PLAZA

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

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 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.

For more information, please visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).



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# 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:** : Brick Lewis, Public Information Officer, Columbia Fire Department

**Topic:** Home Heating Safety

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

**Guest:** Angelo McBride, Administrator, Office Business Opportunities

**Topic:** Branding Broader Marketing Solutions

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

**Guest:** Marli Drum, Superintendent, Columbia Animal Services

**Topic:** Adopting Pets for the Holidays

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



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# The Week Ahead

## COMMUNITY MEETING ON OWENS FIELD PARK MASTER PLAN

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department invites the public to a community meeting on the master plan for Owens Field Park on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at the L.B. Owens Airport, (1400 Jim Hamilton Boulevard).

The meeting is an opportunity for the community to share their opinions, concerns and ideas as the department develops a master plan for Owens Field Park.

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

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## REGISTRATION PERIOD OPEN FOR MEN'S ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the Men's Adult Basketball League.

Men ages 18 and older can participate. The fee to participate is \$300 per team.

The last day to register is January 1, 2015. The Men's Basketball League season begins Sunday, January 25, 2015.

To download a registration form, visit [Parks & Recreation's Athletics page online](#) and click the "Adult Registration Form" link.

Registration forms are also available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. Forms must be returned to the administration office.

For more information, please contact Corinn Taylor at 803-545-3109 or [cetaylor@columbiasc.net](mailto:cetaylor@columbiasc.net).



## 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 your homes as some heating sources that comfort us also is a leading cause of home fires and fire fatalities



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), half of all home eating 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, you 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 (CO) poisoning. CO 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](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

Escape Planning Tips– [Download PDF](#)



## ANTI-BULLYING 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 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.

For more information about the 2014 Youth Anti-Bullying and School Safety Summit contact Becky Plyler, Law Enforcement Coordinator at 803-929-3009 or email to [USASC-LECC@usa.doj](mailto:USASC-LECC@usa.doj).

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## 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](mailto:smbell@columbiasc.net), or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).

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



## 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](mailto:cflucius@columbiasc.net). You can also visit our website at <https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions> to download an application.



## PARK OF THE WEEK: LORICK PARK

Basketball, baseball, games and a family picnic are some of the many activities the community can enjoy at Lorick Park.

The park boasts a community center, basketball courts, a baseball diamond, picnic shelters and a splash pad. The center has a game room, kitchen, gym and computers with Internet access.

Lorick Park offers a variety of opportunities for guests to learn and play during its afterschool program during the school year and a day camp during the summer months.

The park also has an educational garden, which is a great way to teach youth about the importance of healthy eating, and it's a chance for them to learn how to grow their own vegetables and plants.

The community center is open from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

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



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## ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HONOR THE DREAM FOOD DRIVE

Please join the City of Columbia and Richland School District One, as we help fight hunger in the Greater Columbia area. All food collected will benefit the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Listed are some requested items: canned fruit and vegetables, pork and beans, canned meats, dry goods, soup, peanut butter, oatmeal, cereals and crackers.

Donations will be collected during normal business hours at most City Parks, City Hall, Washington Square, James E. Clyburn Golf Center, Columbia Tennis Center, City Human Resources, Public Works, Police Headquarters, Fire Department Headquarters, Charles R. Drew Wellness Center, Columbia Art Center and Main Street Ice. **Food Drive ends January 2, 2015**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803.545.3100.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive flyer - [Download PDF](#)



# Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

## FIRST THURSDAYS ON MAIN



First Thursdays on Main is Columbia's monthly art crawl and streetfest hosted by the Main Street merchants on the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 10 pm. This event showcases the revitalized Main Street community and includes our merchants from the Capital to Town Hall.

**Location:** The Vista – Main St.

**Time:** 6 – 10 p.m.

**Admission:** Free (vendor prices vary)

**Phone:** 803-988-1065

**Website:** <http://firstthursdaysonmain.com/>

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## USC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT



Students explore the processes and techniques used by Norman Rockwell to create their own work capturing their personal histories.

**Location:** W. W. Hootie Johnson Performance Hall, Moore School of Business, Level 1 – 1051 Greene St.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

**Phone:** 803-777-9151

**Website:** [http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/music/](http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/)



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

## “JACK FROST”



A World Premiere musical comedy, commissioned for Columbia Children's Theatre exploring the spirit of winter, and the importance of expressing yourself.

**Location: Columbia Children's Theatre – 3400 Forest Drive.**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Admission: \$10**

**Phone: 803-691-4548**

**Website: [http://  
www.columbiachildrenstheatre.com/](http://www.columbiachildrenstheatre.com/)**

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## CONCERT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT



It's an annual holiday tradition! Get in the spirit of the season with USC's premier chorus singing traditional Christmas carols, Advent and Christmas music. The choir, directed by Dr. Larry Wyatt, presents choral music that spans centuries with works by 16th century Robert Parsons, 20th century Francis Poulenc and Randall Thompson, and 18th century master, J.S. Bach.

**Location: First Presbyterian Church - 1324 Marion St.**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Phone: 803- 777-5369**

**Website: [http://calendar.sc.edu/music/event/  
showEventMore.rdo](http://calendar.sc.edu/music/event/showEventMore.rdo)**



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

## **SANTA'S GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE**



Santa is coming! Spend a full day of winter fun together as you visit Santa Claus, his elves and Frosty before heading upstairs to the North and South Pole to play in our seasonal exhibit, Snowville. Pre-registration is required. Purchase tickets at [www.edventure.org](http://www.edventure.org). Event tickets include general admission to EdVenture.

**Location: EdVenture Children's Museum – 211 Gervais St.**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$18**

**Phone: 803-400-1166**

**Website: <http://www.edventure.org/calendar/detail.aspx?EventID=484>**

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## **VISTA MARKETPLACE AT WHALEY'S FARMERS' AND CRAFT MARKET**



Vista Marketplace at Whaley is a small community farmers' market featuring all local products. Our vendors offer you seasonal produce, organic and conventionally grown, homemade/handmade food items and gifts, the freshest eggs around, pasture raised pork, chicken, goat, beef and even rabbit. You can also pick up some of the highest quality crafts in the area. Come down and join us on the porch for a beautiful morning shared with great people and interesting conversation.

**Location: Vista Marketplace – 701 Whaley St.**

**Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Admission: Free entry (prices vary for each vendor)**

**Phone: 803-912-4702**

**Website: <http://vista.locallygrown.net/welcome>**



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

FIRST CITIZENS SUNDAYS AT SC STATE MUSEUM



Guests can explore four floors of South Carolina art, cultural history, natural history and science/ technology, including the brand new observatory and the new Robert B. Arial Collection of Historical Astronomy located on the fourth floor.

**Location:** SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

**Time:** 12 - 5 p.m.

**Admission:** \$1 for First Citizens members

**Phone:** 803-898-4921

**Website:** <http://scmuseum.org/calendar/first-citizens-first-sunday/>

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The popular holiday offering from last season returns. You'll be entranced as five actors perform all the characters of Charles Dickens' classic story and create a live musical score on stage in a re-imagined production that had.

**Location:** Trustus Theatre- 520 Lady St.

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Admission:** \$22; \$20 seniors and military; \$15 students; \$11 student

**Phone:** 803-254-9732

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/TrustusTheatre>



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# Regional Spay/Neuter Campaign

**FREE Cat Spay/Neuter Surgeries for Richland  
and Lexington County Residents!**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> only!  
No restrictions apply! Space limited!**



**Take advantage of this GREAT DEAL at the following clinics:**

**Humane Society of SC**  
803-783-1267  
[www.humanesc.org](http://www.humanesc.org)

**Pawmetto Lifeline**  
803-465-9100  
[www.pawmettolifeline.org](http://www.pawmettolifeline.org)

**Pets Incorporated**  
803-739-9333  
[www.petsinc.org](http://www.petsinc.org)

**Thank you to Animal Mission for the grant support  
for the 1st Regional Spay/Neuter Campaign!**

**Our Regional Partners:** Animal Mission, City of Columbia Animal Services, Richland County Animal Services, Lexington County Animal Services, Humane Society of SC, Pawmetto Lifeline, Pets Incorporated



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# Escape Planning Tips



**Plan Ahead!** If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- » **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

## IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

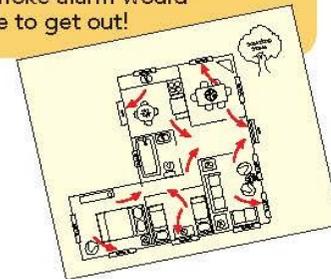
- » If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- » **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)  
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

## FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **45%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



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# Meetings/Closings

- The Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on today, December 1 at 5:15 p.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, December 2, 2014 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- 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.



# City Media

[www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)



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