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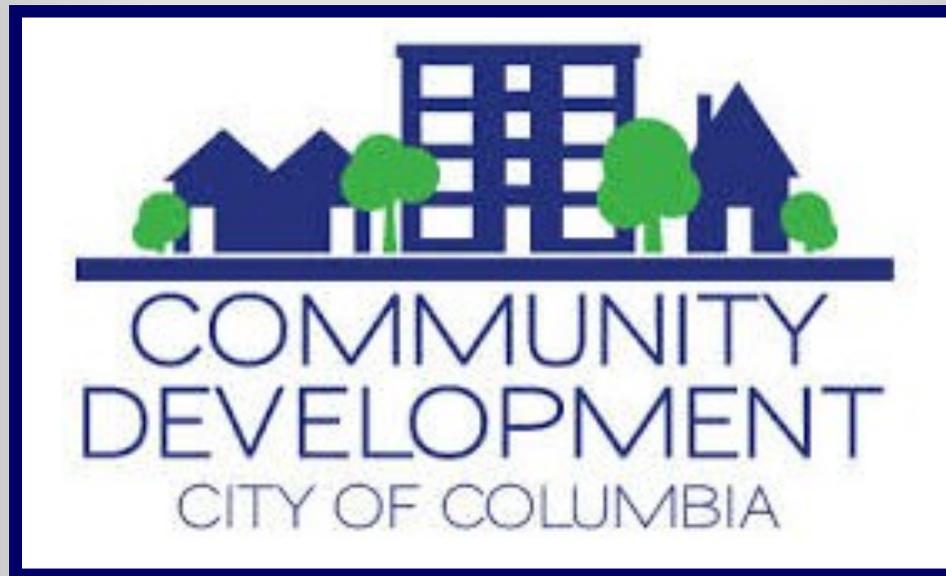


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CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOST PUBLIC FORUMS FOR CITIZEN INPUT IN FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Columbia's Vision needs your voice! The City of Columbia's Community Development department will host public forums for citizen input in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All interested citizens of the City are invited to provide input and comments on community needs by attending one of the four public forums:

Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6 p.m.
King Park, 2300 Greene Street

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6 p.m.
Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Park

Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 6 p.m.
Woodland Park, 6500 Olde Knight Parkway



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: Ron King, Program Specialist,
Community Development

Topic: Community Development Start
Fresh Financial Education

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

Guest: Lucinda Statler, Urban Design
Planner and John S. Fellows, Planning
Administrator

Topic: Walk Bike Columbia

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

Guest: Officer Lance Adams

Topic: Women's Defense Class

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



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The Week Ahead

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOLD WALK BIKE COLUMBIA PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Columbia invites citizens to see the draft pedestrian and bicycle master plan on Thursday, January 22 from 6-7:30 p.m. at EdVenture Children's Museum, 211 Gervais Street in the Canal Room. This is an opportunity for citizens to give input on the plan recommendations and talk one-on-one with the planning team before City leadership considers formally adopting the plan.

Walk Bike Columbia! is a comprehensive effort to address the pedestrian, bicycle and transit needs of the City of Columbia through detailed analysis, public participation and interagency collaboration. The website for the project is www.walkbikecolumbia.org and includes an interactive map where users can pinpoint specific locations where they would like to see infrastructure improvements, a 5-minute user survey and other documents and project briefings that are updated regularly.

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO HOLD PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM ON UTILITY LINE TREE TRIMMING

The City of Columbia and SCE&G will hold a public education session on Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at The Lourie Center (formerly Capital Senior Center) located at 1650 Park Circle, to discuss upcoming tree trimming activities near utility distribution lines.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this information session to learn more about tree trimming that will be completed in 2015.

Topics covered will include:

Purpose and Guidelines for Utility Pruning

ANSI Standards

Grand Trees

Protection of Trees

Columbia's Aging Tree Canopy



Representatives from the City of Columbia and SCE&G will provide educational materials and be available to answer any questions about proper pruning techniques and upcoming activities.

For additional information, please contact the Forestry and Beautification Division of the City of Columbia at 803-545-3860.



27TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

The City of Columbia and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation announced the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street.

Columbia Urban League President and Chief Executive Officer James T. McLawhorn, Jr. will be the keynote speaker. The celebration will also include performances from A. C. Flora High School Gospel Ensemble, The Brotherhood of First Nazareth Baptist Church and Jonathan Cannon, a Dutch Fork High School junior.



The celebration will also include a Wreath Laying Ceremony to commemorate the historic marker honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 3:06 p.m. at the corner of Harden and Greene streets. Members of the Alpha Psi Lambda and Omicron Iota Lambda chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will lead the ceremony.

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Bridging the Gap With Alpha, Inc. will hold the 25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run/ Fitness Walk at 9 a.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park located at 2300 Greene Street.

The fee is \$30 (with T-shirt) or \$25 (without the T-shirt).

Olympic-style medals will be awarded to the first three male and female finishers in 13 age divisions. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation and The Alpha Academy.

To register, visit www.strictlyrunning.com. Applications are also available by calling 803-254-8070 or emailing kolonel@bellsouth.net.

For more information about the race, contact Willie L. Odom at 803-254-8070 or klonel@bellsouth.net or visit www.AlphaOIL.org/MLK.

For more information about the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, contact Shireese M. Bell at 803-545-3100 or smbell@columbiasc.net, or visit www.columbiasc.net.



MAYOR STEVE BENJAMIN TO DELIVER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Steve Benjamin will deliver his Annual State of the City address on January 20, 2015, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.



WHO: Mayor Steve Benjamin
WHAT: State of the City Address
WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
The Coble Ballroom
1101 Lincoln Street



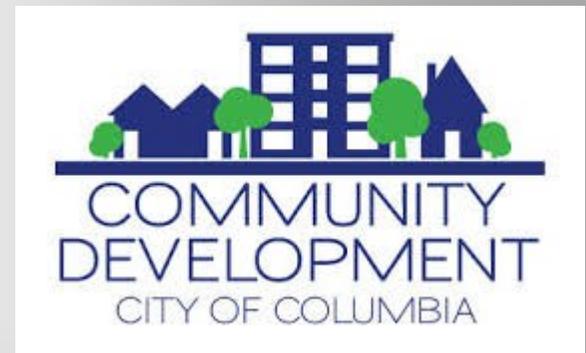
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE START FRESH FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP SERIES

The City of Columbia Community Development will hold a Financial Education Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015 from 9-11:30 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street. The workshop will focus on the importance of banking, budgeting, saving and building your credit.

Additional workshops will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street on the following Saturdays:

- Feb. 21
- March 17

For more information or to register, call 803.545.0280 or email rpking@columbiasc.net.



CITY MANAGER RECOGNIZES LOCAL STUDENTS

City Manager Teresa Wilson was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Beta Club induction ceremony at St. Andrews Middle School on January 8th. During the ceremony, over 20 students were inducted into the club. The mission statement of the Beta Club speaks of the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership of students.

A proclamation was also presented in honor of Kenneth Louis Richardson, retired principal of St. Andrews Middle School.

Mr. Richardson devoted 38 years to impacting the lives of students, teachers, parents, and community members of Richland County School District One.



L:R City Manager Teresa Wilson and Kenneth Louis Richardson, retired principal.

PET OF THE WEEK: MEET SAM! (ID# A207695)



Sam is a 10 month old domestic short hair cat. He is very relaxed and extremely curious. Sam is also neutered and microchipped. Meet him today!

Visit Sam 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.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit Petfinder.com. Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.



Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH

RESTAURANT WEEK

From fine to casual dining, participating restaurants will feature special menu items, promotions and discounts. Diners can sample the newest restaurants, dine at old favorites and taste a variety of exceptional dishes being prepared by chefs at a great value for customers.

Location: The Columbia area – check website for official locations

Time: Now – January 18th

Admission: Prices vary

Phone: 803-765-9000

Website: <http://restaurantweeksouthcarolina.com/Search.aspx?Region=Central%20Midlands%20Region&City=Columbia&Cuisine=All>



VISTA NIGHTS

Vista shops and galleries welcome shoppers and offer extended hours on the third Thursday of each month. Parking is available in parking garages at 820 Washington St. and at the corner of Senate and Pendleton Streets behind the Hilton.

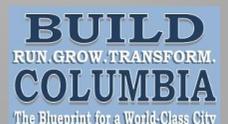
Location: Congaree Vista – 1301 Assembly St.

Time: 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission: Free: prices vary for shops and galleries

Phone: 803-269-5946

Website: <http://vistacolumbia.com/vistanights.aspx>



FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH

CINETHON 72HR FILM FESTIVAL

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72 Hours, 26 Films, Once In A Lifetime

The festival will emphasize all the broad taste and inventive showmanship from the P.O.V. series over the course of its existence. Think “giant slumber party meets epic movie marathon.”

Location: Tapp’s Arts Center

Time: 6 p.m.

Admission: \$7 (ticket); \$50 (pass)

Phone: 803-988-0013

Website: <http://www.cinethon72hour.com/>

COLUMBIA NOW: FOUR PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOW US OUR CITY



An exhibition highlighting our hometown as interpreted through photographs by four local photographers. A selection of 24 photographs by Vennie Deas Moore, Robert Clark, Eliot Dudik, and Meg Griffiths paint a portrait of the city.

Location: Columbia Museum of Art – 1515 Main St.

Times: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: Free with membership or admission

Phone: 803-799-2810

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



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

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: 1500 block of Main Street Center

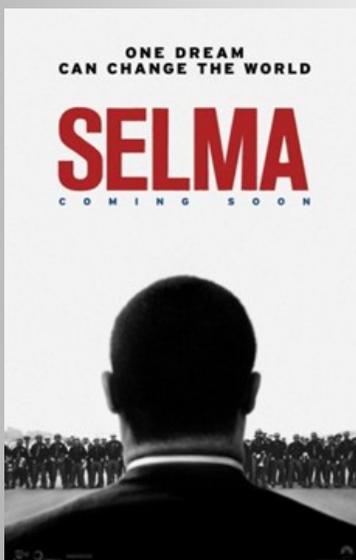
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Admission: Free. Prices vary by vendor.

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: www.sodacitysc.com

SELMA



Martin Luther King and the civil rights marches of Selma, Alabama, that changed America forever. Based on a true story.

Location: Nickelodeon Theatre

Time: Times vary

Admission: \$8-\$10

Phone: 803-254-3433

Website: <http://nickelodeon.org/films/selma/>



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

MAIN STREET ICE

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



Location: Corner of Hampton and Main Street – 1515 Main St.

Time: 1-9 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$10, Children \$8

Phone: 803-545-3100

Website: <http://www.columbiacvb.com/listings/Main-Street-Ice-Boyd-Plaza/18187/>

BUILDING A UNIVERSE

The exhibition includes artwork from 15 South Carolina artists, many of whom created pieces specifically for this exhibit. The works represent a wide variety of media, including installation art, painting, printmaking, collage, sculpture and mixed media work.

Location: South Carolina State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$6.95- \$8.95

Phone: 803-898-4921

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



2015 State of the City Address



MAYOR STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

2015 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

6:00 P.M.

COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER

THE COBLE BALLROOM

1101 LINCOLN STREET

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

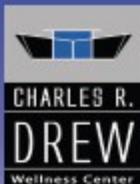
*Reception immediately following in the lobby
adjacent to the Coble Ballroom.*



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Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29201

803-545-3200

www.drewwellnesscenter.com

New Year's Resolution Special

For a limited time, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering a ***New Year's Resolution membership special*** on new or renewing **YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS**.

Yearly Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non-Resident)	New Year's Special (Ends Jan. 31)
ADULT (18-49)	\$264/\$304	\$210
SENIOR (50+)	\$198/\$228	\$160
FAMILY (Up to 4 people)	\$396/\$456	\$325



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www.columbiasc.net For more information, please contact Drew Wellness Center at 803-545-3200.



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Walk Bike Columbia



WALK BIKE COLUMBIA

A PROJECT OF THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC

What will walking, bicycling, and transit in Columbia look like in 10 years?

Join us for a public meeting

to share the draft pedestrian and bicycle master plan for the City of Columbia.



Thursday, January 22nd
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
(Presentation at 6 PM)

EdVenture Children's Museum
(Canal Room)
211 Gervais St,
Columbia, SC 29201

www.walkbikecolumbia.org

For questions or assistance with special needs, contact: City of Columbia Planning Department at (803) 545-0229.



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Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
January 13 at 10 a.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
January 27 at 2 p.m.	Work Session	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
January 27 at 6 p.m.	Council Meeting	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
February 10 at 2 a.m.	Work Session	1737 Main Street Council Chambers



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