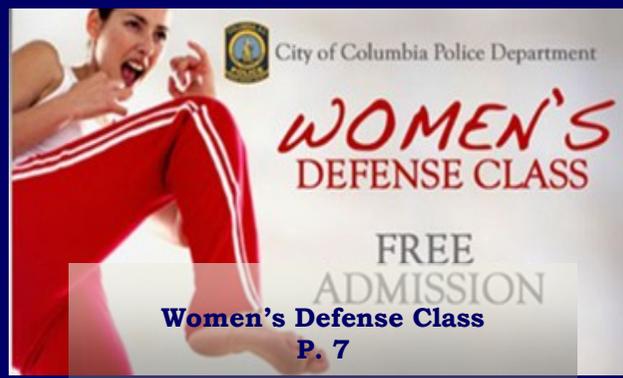




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2015 SMOKE ALARM BLITZ

Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins and the Columbia Fire Department held its "2015 Smoke Alarm Blitz" on Saturday, January 24, 2015 in the Standish Acres community. Chief Jenkins said, "We are excited to be a recipient of this year's Smoke Alarm Blitz and I would like to thank State Fire Marshal Bert Polk and his office for their continued efforts to save lives by placing smoke alarms in homes across South Carolina."

The Columbia Fire Department was one of ten fire departments selected to participate in the grant-funded "2015 Smoke Alarm Blitz" by the South Carolina Division of Fire and Life Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The OSFM was awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



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Chief Jenkins said, “The goal of the “Smoke Alarm Blitz” is to save lives.” Chief Jenkins continued to state “We, as a Department, responded to six residential fires that resulted in seven deaths in 2014 and of those fires only one residence had a working smoke alarm. This is why we urge citizens to install smoke alarms and to check them monthly to ensure they are working and if they are more than ten years old to replace them.”

The Columbia Fire Department issued 400, 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms and over 100 carbon monoxide alarms to the Standish Acres community. The Standish Acres community was selected based on National Fire Incident Reporting System (NIFRS) data, social vulnerability index score, fire fatalities (per capita) and other application information. If residents are not home, during the blitz, information will be left at their residence that explains how to schedule a fire alarm installation.

Chief Jenkins would like to thank all of our partners in this life-saving endeavor: South Carolina Division of Fire and Life Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, American Red Cross, Charles Divita Firehouse Subs Owner and Chick-fil-a Five Points.

For additional information or questions please contact the Columbia Fire Department’s Public Fire Education Division at 803-545-3717 or to request a smoke alarm installation visit <http://columbiarichlandfire.net/request-a-smoke-alarm/>.



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: Carla Felder, Zumba Instructor
Topic: Zumba Fitness Party at
Greenview Park

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

Guest: Angelo McBride, Office of
Business Opportunities Administrator
Topic: Marketing Strategies Broader
Marketing Solutions (Part II)

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

Guest: Brick Lewis, Captain/Public
Information Officer, Columbia Fire
Department
Topic: Smoke Alarm Blitz

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



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The Week Ahead

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD “HOW TO PURCHASE A HOUSE ON A BUDGET” WORKSHOP

Learn about the mortgage process, the benefits of homeownership and what to do after closing at Community Development’s “How to Purchase a House on Budget” Workshop.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 from 9-11 a.m.

WHERE: Earlewood Park 1119 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

For more information or to register, contact Felicia Wilks at 803-545-3373

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO RECOGNIZE WINNERS, SPONSORS OF DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Columbia City Council will recognize the winners and sponsors of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarships during its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

Winners were announced on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park located at 2300 Greene Street.

WHAT: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarships Recognition

WHO: Columbia City Council, Dream Keeper winners and sponsors

WHERE: City Hall, 1737 Main Street (Council Chambers, Third Floor)

WHEN: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6 p.m.

For more information, please call Shireese M. Bell at 803-760-9125.

SAVE THE DATE: "ETHICS REFORM RECEPTION AND PANEL"

[Click here](#) to register for the "Ethics Reform Reception and Panel" on January 28, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Community Relations Council, 930 Richland Street, 2nd Floor/Palmetto Conference Room.

Sponsored by the Community Relations Council.



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Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH

THROUGH THE FIRE

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An Evening Commemorating the
BURNING OF COLUMBIA



Join the South Carolina State Museum and South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum at Through the Fire, an evening event to commemorate the 150 anniversary of the Burning of Columbia and the end of the Civil War.

Location: South Carolina State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 7 – 10 p.m.

Admission: \$28: museum members; \$35: general public

Phone: 803-898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/events/through-the-fire/>

HOW DOES THE EARTH SPEAK TO US?



In The Red and Brown Water is the first in a trilogy called “The Brother/Sister Plays” and is an unexpected story that charts a young girl's thrust into womanhood. Fast, spirited Oya is a promising young athlete who is offered a scholarship that could jump-start her future. Forced to choose between her dying mother and her own dreams, she makes a life-changing decision

Location: Trustus Theatre – 520 Lady St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$5

Phone: 803-254-9732

Website: <https://trustus.org/>



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH

BUGS! GIANT ROBOTIC CREATURES



Explore some of the world's most common insects like never before as they are shown 40 to 120 times their size.

Location: South Carolina State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: General Admission

Phone: 803-898-4921

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

PUZZLED INSPIRATIONS



An exhibit of paintings, sculptures and collages by Patrick Parise.

Location: City Art - 1224 Lincoln St.

Time: 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-252-3616

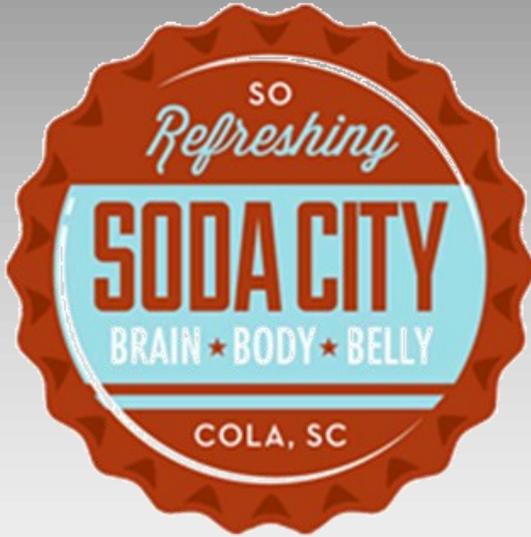
Website: <http://www.cityartonline.com/>



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

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: 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Cost: FREE (Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: Sodascitysc.com

GAME OF TONES



An exhibit of paintings, sculptures and collages by Patrick Parise.

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Time: 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission: Free

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST

GRAND OPENING OF LANGSTON HUGES POETRY CENTER



Allen University will be hosting the grand opening of its Langston Hughes Poetry Center and Library.

Location: Langston Hughes Poetry Center– 1329 Pine St.

Time: 9a.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-376-5794

CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY



The 11th annual Auntie Karen Celebration of African American History Program is designed to provide a venue to display the works and talents of local vendors and artisans. The 2015 program will feature local performers specializing in jazz, gospel, poetry and visual arts. “The Shops at Auntie Karen’s Place” will feature local vendors and artisans throughout the entire program.

Location: Columbia Museum of Arts

Time: 11a.m.— 3p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-479-6570



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

THE FROG PRINCESS



Based on a Russian fairy tale, The Frog Princess is an epic musical full of adventure, suspense, romance and humor. Features a wide variety of puppetry styles, including marionettes, shadow puppets, and table-top puppets.

Location: Columbia Marionette Theatre – 401 Laurel St.

Time: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5.75

Phone: 803-252-7366

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

THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN



Moving Image Research Collections at USC, in collaboration with the School of Music, proudly present the first ever local screening of The Battle of Bull Run (1913). This civil war costume drama directed by and starring Francis Ford (elder brother of John Ford, director of The Searchers) is a story of spies and romance and will be screened with musical accompaniment provided by students from the School of Music.

Location: Nickelodeon Theatre – 1607 Main St.

Time: 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Admission: \$5.75

Phone: 803-254-8234

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



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Meet Sir Locksley!



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Columbia Animal Shelter

127 Humane Lane, Columbia, SC 29209

Phone: 803-776-PETS (7387)

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pet of the Week!

MEET Sir Locksley! (ID# A211638)



Sir Locksley is a one-year-old domestic shorthair cat. He is very loving and extremely friendly. Sir Locksley is also neutered and microchipped. Visit him at Columbia Animal Shelter to see if he's the pet for you!

Visit Sir Locksley 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.

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Women's Defense Class

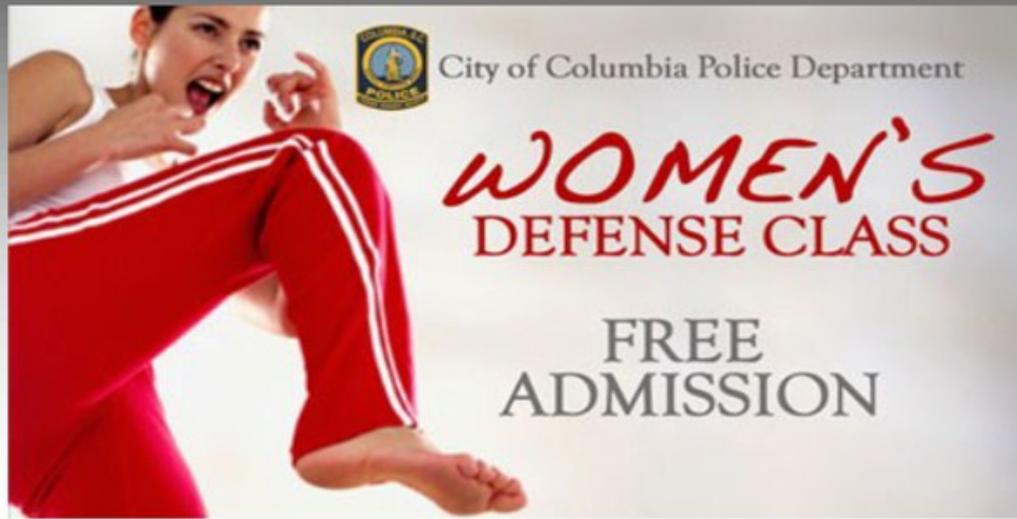


Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204

(803) 545-3200

www.drewwellnesscenter.com



When: January 27 @ 5:30PM

Where: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

Who: Open to girls and women ages 13 and up

- Stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys where there are dark hiding spots.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, and try not to keep currency and credit cards all in one place.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

Call 803-545-3200 to reserve your space TODAY!

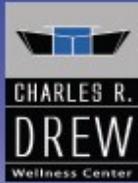


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Become a Member Today!



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

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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



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



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Mark Your Calendars National Wear Red Day



Join Us
On February 6th
Wear Red



Celebrate **National Wear Red Day** to help honor and support the women affected by heart disease, the number 1 killer of women. The **Go Red For Women** movement encourages awareness of this issue and action to help save lives.

This movement challenges women to know their risk for heart disease and take action to reduce personal risk. It also gives them the tools they need to lead a heart healthy life.



Hosted by:

City Councilwoman
Tameika Isaac Devine

Please join us for our **2015 Go Red Day event on February 6, 2015 at 12 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers**, located at 1737 Main Street.

A press conference and community photography session will be held and we invite you to wear red attire (both men and women are welcome).

We will also make an announcement regarding a special inaugural Go Red event in the City of Columbia.

RSVP to Sugi Brown-Washington at subrown@columbiasc.net
or call Public Relations at
803-545-3020.



**It's time to
Go Red.**



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State of the Penny Address

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Join us for an update on the Richland Penny program
as we discuss current and future projects.

Monday, January 26

WHERE: Lower Richland High School
Auditorium
2615 Lower Richland Blvd.
Hopkins, SC 29061

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



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Sign Up Today!



C. R. A. Columbia - Richland Alerts



**Get Connected
Stay Informed**

The City of Columbia and Richland County have launched a new alerts program designed to provide you with time-sensitive information for public safety and community awareness. To ensure that we can reach you with the information you need, when you need it, this notification system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly with a variety of contact preferences.

[Click here to Register!](#)



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Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
January 27 at 2 p.m.	COUNCIL WORK SESSION	1737 Main Street Council Conference Room
January 27 at 6 p.m.	COUNCIL MEETING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
January 27 at 7 p.m.	ZONING PUBLIC HEARING	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
January 28 at 9 a.m.	COMMERCIAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE	1225 Lady Street Office of Business Opportunities



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