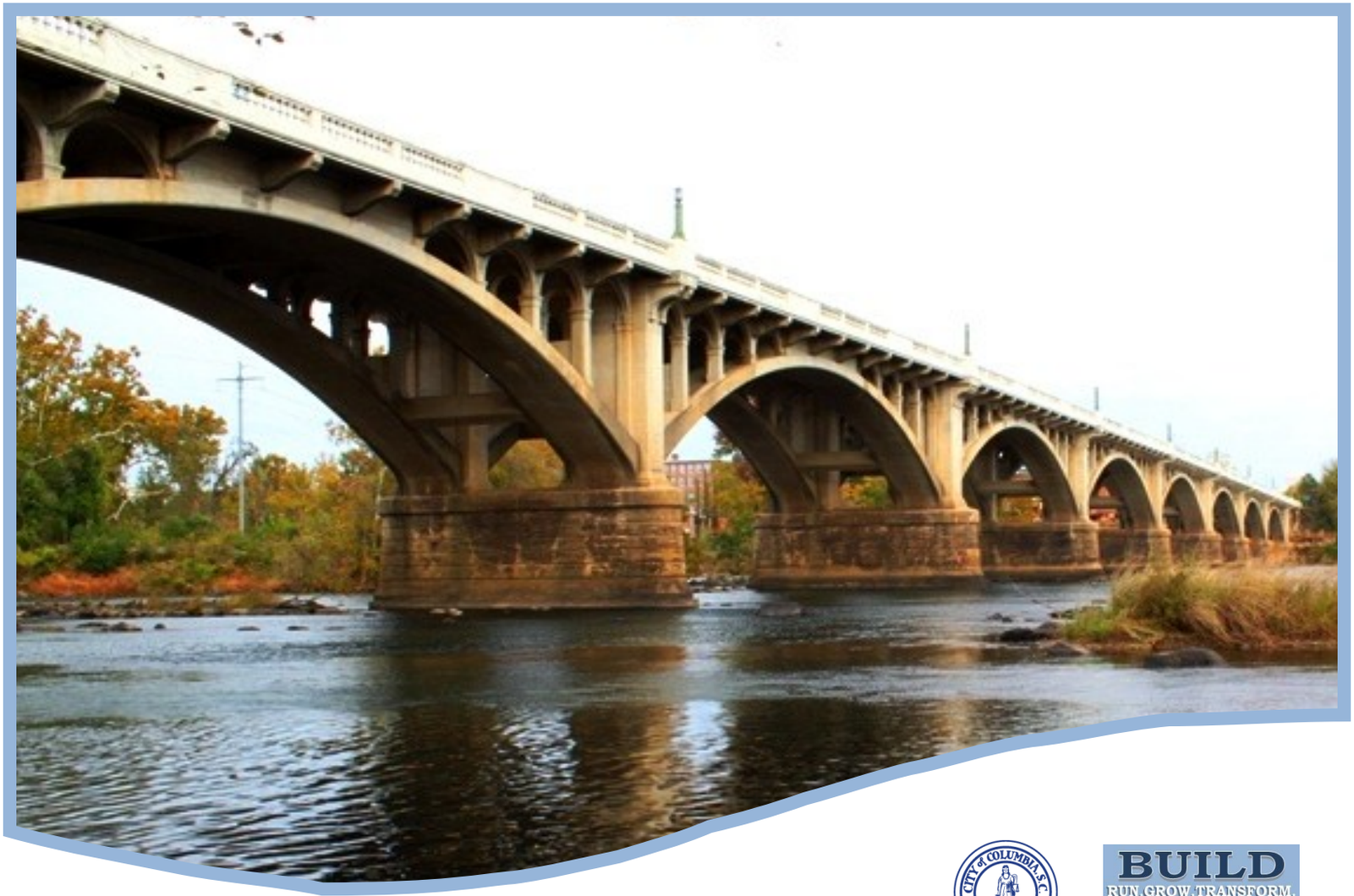
Community Corner

Neighborhood News and Updates



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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 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

For more information, contact Dollie Bristow at 545-3371 or Community Development at 545-3373.

Sims Park Playground Reopens

On Saturday, December 13, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department and Councilman Moe Baddourah hosted a grand reopening ceremony for the playground at Sims Park located at 3500 Duncan Street.

The public was invited to see the neighborhood park's upgraded playground which features animal-shaped spring rides, boulder elements for climbing, swings, and a sand and water table.

Dozens of community members enjoyed light refreshments and were the first to test out the play area after the $100,000 project was completed.

The playground was closed in November to allow for site preparation and installation of the new playground equipment designed to encourage children to climb, explore and play.

CCN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, Inc.

2015 Meeting Calendar

January 20	**Mayor's State of the City Address**
January 22	**General Membership Meeting**
February 2	**Executive Committee Meeting**
February 26	**General Membership Meeting**
March 2	**Executive Committee Meeting**
March 26	**General Membership Meeting**
	Neighborhood Forms Due
April 6	**Executive Committee Meeting**
April 23	**General Membership Meeting**
May 4	**Executive Committee Meeting**
May 7	***8th Annual Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame Ceremony***
May 20-23	**NUSA Conference, Houston, TX**
May 28	**No General Membership Meeting**
June 1	**Executive Committee Meeting**
June 25	***Annual CCN Meeting & Elections of Officers***
July1	***Member Re-Certification Forms Due***
July 6	**Executive Committee Meeting**
July 23	**General Membership Meeting**
August 3	**Executive Committee Meeting**
August 4	**National Night Out– City wide**
August 27	**General Membership Meeting**
October 6	**Executive Committee Meeting**
October 23	**General Membership Meeting**
November 3	**Executive Committee Meeting**
December 1	**Executive Committee Meeting**
December 10	***Holiday Social***

MAYOR'S 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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

REMEMBER THE LEGACY

Join us and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Monday, January 19, 2015, at 4 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Community Center, 2300 Greene Street

The City of Columbia invites the public to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Mr. James T. McLawhorn Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Columbia Urban League, will be the keynote speaker. Pastor Mike Smith of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church will give the invocation and benediction. There will be performances by A. C. Flora High School, The Brotherhood of First Nazareth Baptist Church and Jonathan Cannon, a Dutch Fork High School junior.

25TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 5K RUN AND FITNESS WALK

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 9 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 2300 Greene Street
Sponsored by Bridging the Gap with Alpha, Inc.
Register online at: www.strictlyrunning.com

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Monday, January 19, 2015, 3:06 p.m.

Corner of Harden and Greene Streets
Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will commemorate the historical marker honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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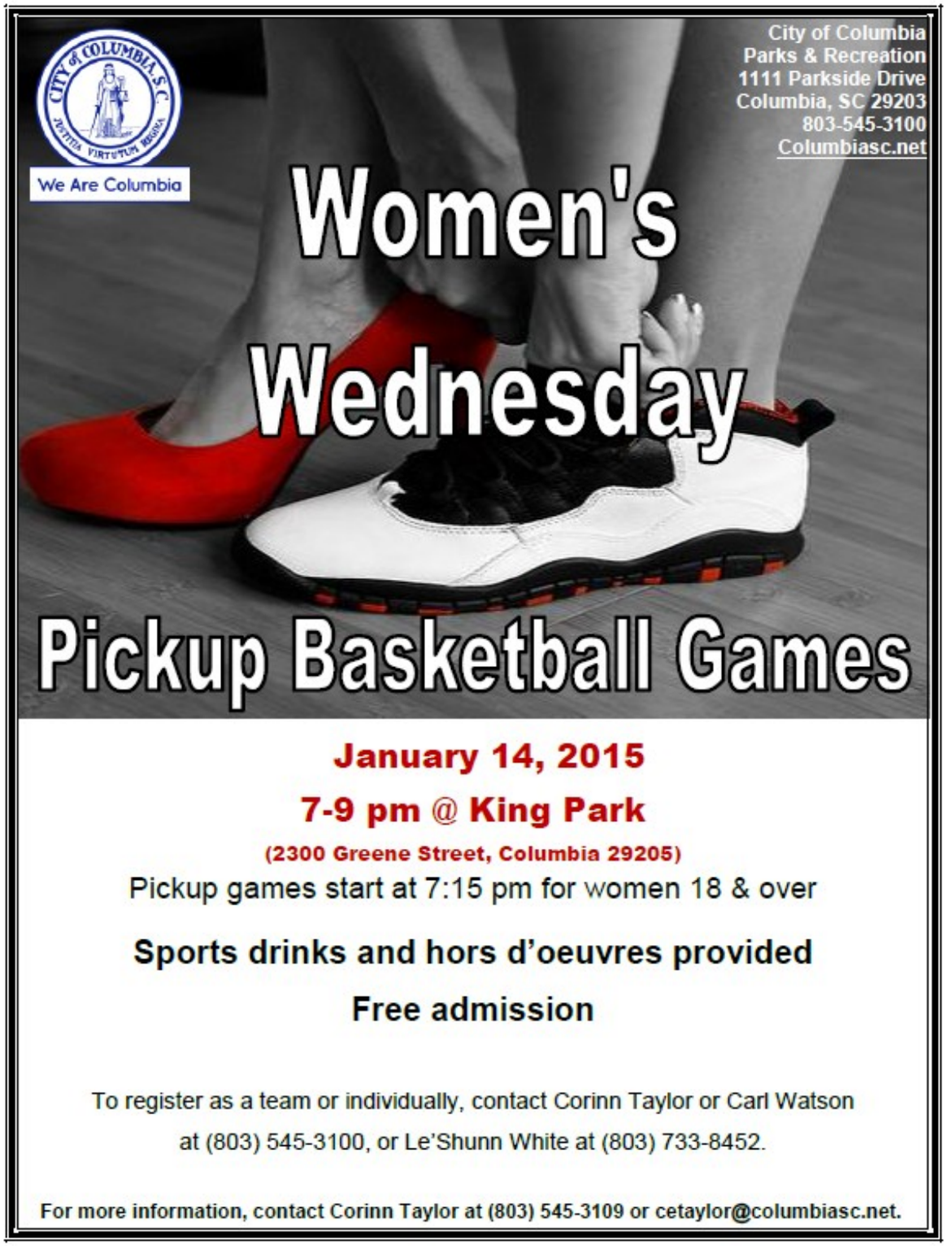
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Mentoring Achieving Bridging The Gap

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY



START FRESH FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITY OF COLUMBIA | "BANK ON" COLUMBIA

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MANAGE YOUR MONEY - MANAGE YOUR LIFE

City of Columbia
Community Development

Start Fresh!
Financial Education Workshops

Having trouble managing your budget or paying down debt?
Let us help you take control

Understand the importance of :

- **Banking**
- **Budgeting**
- **Saving**
- **Building your Credit**

Workshops will be held 9-11:30 am at 1225 Lady Street on the following Saturdays:

January 17 | February 21 | March 17

For more information or to register, call 803-545-0280 or visit www.columbiasc.net

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2015 Council Meeting Dates:

Dates:	Events
1/27	Work Session/Council Meeting
2/10	Work Session/Council Meeting
2/17	Work Session/Council Meeting

*Please note that the location for the scheduled meetings will be held in Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street on the 3rd Floor . Work Sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m., Council Meeting meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Zoning Public Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.
*Please be advised that times are subject to change depending on the lengths of the meetings.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2014 City of Columbia Holiday Schedule

Holiday	**Official & Designated Day-Date-2015**
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday— January 19, 2015

City of Columbia offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. All garbage and recycle routes will remain on schedule.