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# COMMUNITY CORNER

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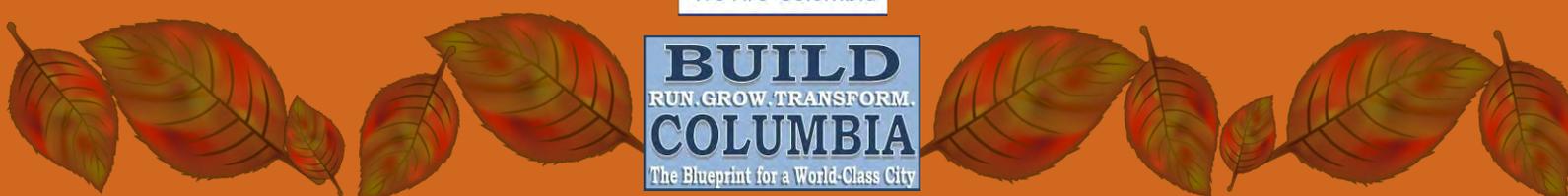


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**COLUMBIA**  
The Blueprint for a World-Class City



# COLUMBIA EMPOWERMENT ZONE

## HELD RIBBON CUTTING FOR LADY STREET SUITES

Columbia Empowerment Zone (CEZ), Inc. hosted a ribbon cutting for its multi-tenant building, Lady Street Suites on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 11 a.m. at 1509 Lady Street. City Manager Teresa Wilson, Columbia City Councilmembers, Field Representative for Congressman Clyburn John Rickenbacker, Columbia Empowerment Zone Inc. Board of Directors and staff, City staff and business leaders were in attendance. The building serves as office space for small businesses and offices are available for rent.

Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. is focused on encouraging and nurturing small business growth, with an overarching goal of creating jobs and improving quality of life across all sectors of our community. CEZ worked closely with the City's Office of Business Opportunities, Office of Economic Development, the Small Business Association, the SC Department of Commerce, New Carolina (Council on Competitiveness), the USC/Columbia Technology Incubator and other resources for entrepreneurial enterprises, CEZ, Inc. in assuring that small businesses have a place to grow and thrive.

"Thanks to our volunteer board of directors, elected officials, City leadership team, HUD and the U.S. Congressional office," said Felicia Maloney, Executive Director of the Columbia Empowerment Zone. "We have a building that we saved from blight and have turned it into attractive office space for start-up companies."



*Congratulations*

# TIGE WATTS ELECTED NEIGHBORHOODS USA PRESIDENT

Neighborhoods, USA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. NUSA was created in 1975 to share information and experiences used to build stronger communities, NUSA continues to encourage networking and information-sharing to facilitate the development of partnerships among neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector for the ultimate goal of strengthening every neighborhood.

Tige Watts was elected the President of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) at the organization's quarterly board meeting in Houston, Texas on September 25-26, 2014. NUSA 2014 provided an opportunity to learn from one another, share experiences and create the change necessary for healthy, safe and vibrant communities. It is neighborhood leaders and active residents such as you that make the difference in American neighborhoods.

Tige Watts served as NUSA's President from 2010-12 for two consecutive 1-year terms and then was elected by his colleagues in an unanimous vote to a third 1-year term.

Tige Watts currently holds Presidency in the following neighborhoods: Richland County Neighborhood Council and Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Neighborhood. He was Past President for the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

*Congratulations  
on your Achievement, Tige!*



# PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AT THE NICK

On Sunday, October 19th, 2014, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine hosted the premiere of the documentary, "Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life of Katrina Gilbert" was a part of The Nickelodeon's Civil Rights Sundays series.

This documentary discussed national conversation about minimum wage, paid sick days, and affordable child and health care regarding the policies. The film focused on the unequal status women face in 2014, which highlights the recent Shriver Report: "A Women's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink." The documentary was followed by a Q&A session featuring subject matter experts: Dr. Linda Salane, Board Member for Cooperative Ministries and Former Executive Director of the Leadership Institute at Columbia College; Karen R. Jenkins, President & CEO KRJ Consulting, LLC Financial Empowerment Consultant; and Anita Floyd, Senior Vice President for Community Impact and Strategic Implementation of United Way of the Midlands.

"The film is very important because the life and times of Katrina Gilbert are everyday people like you and me," said Councilwoman Devine. "We really have to see that there is more that we can do as a community and a country to make sure people are not living on the brink of poverty. So many times we have people who are living paycheck to paycheck and so I wanted to elevate the discussion so that we can think about what more we need to be doing as policy makers, as citizens and as a community to help people be empowered financially."

Money has been a taboo topic for years. We have to start having those conversations and educate ourselves about money," said Karen R. Jenkins.



Pictured above (l to r): Dr. Linda Salane, Karen R. Jenkins, Anita Floyd  
And Host Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine

# SAVE THE DATE: VETERANS DAY PARADE



The Veterans Day Parade will be hosted by City of Columbia Parks and Recreation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

Veterans from across the state will gather in downtown Columbia on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, for the City of Columbia's 36th Annual Veterans Day Parade, one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day parades.

Come celebrate Veteran's Day at the 36th Annual City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade. The parade kicks off at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Sumter and Laurel streets, and travels southbound on Sumter Street, ending at Pendleton Street near the State House.

Columbia's Veterans Day Parade honors all veterans with a procession of high school marching bands, floats, military vehicles and equipment, military marching installations and a fly-over.

On Tuesday morning beginning at 7am, the following streets will be closed for the Parade:

- \*Calhoun
- \*Richland
- \*Sumter
- \*Senate
- \*Marion
- \*Laurel and
- \*College streets



**36th Annual City of Columbia**  
**VETERANS DAY PARADE**  
*Honoring Those Who Have Served  
and Those Serving Now*

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**  
**Parade Begins at Sumter and Laurel Streets**  
**11:00 a.m.**

For more information, call 803-545-3100 or visit [www.columblasc.net](http://www.columblasc.net).

# LINCOLN STREET CLOSED FOR BLOCK PARTY

Lincoln Street Tunnel Closed for City of Columbia's "Spooktacular" Block Party

The Lincoln Street Tunnel will be closed from Tuesday, October 28 until Saturday, November 1 due to the preparation for the City of Columbia's "Spooktacular" Block Party.

The tunnel will reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.



City of Columbia's  
**"SPOOKTACULAR"  
BLOCK PARTY**

**OCT. 31st**  
**TAYLOR STREET**  
(Beside Finlay Park)  
**7PM - 10PM**

**Food Trucks | Carnival Games (prices vary) | Exhibitors**

### Entertainment

- Costume Contest
- Jugglers
- Dancers
- Acrobatics
- Stilt Walker
- Mimes
- & More!

### Tunnel of Terror

Gates Open at 6:30P

Recommended for  
Ages 12 and Up

\$3 per person

Entrance on Lady St.

### Other Attractions

- Health & Safety Zone
- Interactive Inflatables
- Face Painting
- Marshmallow Roasting
- Pumpkin Patch
- & Much More !



Don't be Blah!  
Help the Needy!

**\$1 off ticket prices (Tunnel, Games & Inflatables) per person  
with the donation of 3 non-perishable food items**

For more information, call 803-545-3100 or email [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net).

# DREW WELLNESS HEALTHY COOKING CLASS

## The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204

[www.drewwellnesscenter.com](http://www.drewwellnesscenter.com)

803-545-3200



**FREE to the public!**

## Cooking Healthy for the Holidays

**When: November 10 at 5:30-6:30PM**

**Where: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center**

Join us and Registered Dietitian, Ashley Raash from DHEC's Office of Public Health Nutrition, as we get the holiday season started by learning about cooking healthier meals in this fun, interactive class! During this cooking demonstration you'll help prepare and sample a fun, healthy dish that you can add to your holiday table.

*Register early to reserve your spot!*



For more information or to register call 545-3200 or visit the Member Services Desk at the Drew Wellness Center.



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# FEED THE MIDLANDS FOOD DRIVE

Feeding the Need of the Midlands

October 27th—November 14th



Donate 3  
non-perishable items  
and receive a FREE  
cheesy bread



For more information visit [www.coopmin.org](http://www.coopmin.org)  
Items can be donated at all Midlands Little  
Caesars locations.

THE  
COOPERATIVE  
MINISTRY

#### DONATION SITES:

4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, COLUMBIA 29209; 918-D NORTH LAKE DRIVE, LEXINGTON 29072;  
3115 BROAD RIVER ROAD, COLUMBIA 29210; 7840 GARNERS FERRY ROAD, COLUMBIA 29209;  
5212 HIGHWAY 321, GASTON 29053; 1180 DUTCH FORK ROAD, IRMO 29063;  
215 W. COLUMBIA AVENUE, BATESBURG 29006; 6903 ST. ANDREWS ROAD, COLUMBIA 29212;  
2336 DECKER BLVD., COLUMBIA 29206; 116 DREHER ROAD, COLUMBIA 29169;  
2000 CLEMSON ROAD SUITE 2, COLUMBIA 29229; 1788 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, LEXINGTON 29073 &  
610 HIGHWAY 1 SOUTH, LUGOFF 29078

# HOLIDAY ART SALE & SILENT AUCTION



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## City of Columbia Art Center's Annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction

Benefiting the Creative Journey Project

**Saturday November 22, 2014**

**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Earlewood Park Community Center**

**1113 Parkside Drive**

*Light refreshments will be served*



The Holiday Art Sale will feature artwork from participants in the Creative Journey Program, Fort Jackson's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Art Center's Veterans Art Program.

**For more information, please contact Brenda Oliver at 803-545-3093.**

The City of Columbia Art Center will host its annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Earlewood Park Community Center.

The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists. The event also will feature artwork from participants in the Creative Journey Program, Fort Jackson's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Art Center's Veterans Art Program. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Journey Project.

For more information, contact Brenda Oliver at 803-545-3093.

# FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP



"BANK ON"  
COLUMBIA



***YOU'RE INVITED!***

**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**



**Please call to register for an upcoming workshop!**

Workshops will be held from 9-11 a.m. at 1225 Lady St. on the following Saturdays:

November 15 | December 13 |

For more information or to register, call 803-545-0280 or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).



# FINANCING YOUR FUTURE



Financing Your Future

Presents.....

## **WHY BUDGET?**

A monthly series of financial literacy classes and workshops to provide you with financial knowledge and resources

**November 2014 Guest Facilitator**

### **Extreme Couponing 101**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

**12:15pm– 1:15pm**

**LaSandra Crawford**

**Coupon Specialist | Small Business Owner**

**For additional information contact 803.799.3853 x115**

**The Cooperative Ministry  
3821 West Beltline Boulevard  
Columbia, SC 29204**

# SODA CITY MARKET PRESENTS

## SODA CITY MARKET



Featuring:

- Artists
- Collectors
- Ethnic Food and Grocery
- Local Retailers
- Resellers

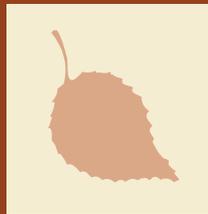


Featuring:

- Food and Drink
- Baked Goods
- Seafood
- Lawn and Garden
- Artisans



IN THE 1500 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET - SATURDAYS,  
9:00AM - 1:00PM



# COLUMBIA-RICHLAND ALERTS



## C. R. A. Columbia - Richland Alerts



**Get Connected  
Stay Informed**



### Columbia - Richland Alerts

The City of Columbia Public Safety Team has launched Columbia-Richland Alerts to ensure the well-being and safety of our community members. We continuously work to prevent and prepare for emergencies.



***Get Connected. Be Informed. Stay Safe.***

- Boil Water Advisories
- Public Safety
- Power Outages
- Missing Persons
- Community Events



- Road Closures
- Public Meetings/Hearings
- Traffic Safety
- Water/Sewer Notices

**Notifications can be sent to your email, cell phone, text message, home phone, TTY/TDD and other options!**

To register, please visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net) or call 803-545-3300.

Registration is easy and you can choose which updates you'd like to receive.

# CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING



We will be closed on

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH &  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH IN OBSERVANCE OF

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Thanksgiving Day

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OUR OFFICES WILL RE-OPEN ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

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Happy  
Thanksgiving



# CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

## 2014 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



Dates:	Events
November 18	Work Session/Council Meeting/ Zoning Public Hearing
December 2	Work Session/Council Meeting
December 16	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-2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday— November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday— November 28, 2014
Christmas Day	Thursday— December 25, 2014
Day in conjunction with Christmas	Friday— December 26, 2014



# City Media

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



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