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COMMUNITY CORNER
Neighborhood News and Updates

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RIBBON CUTTING IN BURTON HEIGHTS

Eau Claire Development Corporation Held Ribbon Cutting for New Homes in Burton Heights

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at a ribbon cutting, Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilman Davis, City staff, Community leaders and the Eau Claire Development Corporation (ECDC) previewed three new homes in the Burton Heights neighborhood. The Eau Claire Development Corporation will host a ribbon cutting for new the new homes built in the Burton Heights neighborhood. There will be tours of the three new homes. The homes are 1,300-1,600 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, all major appliances and one car garage.

“We’re here today because fundamentally our job is to create opportunity and nothing says opportunity more than owning your own home,” said Mayor Steve Benjamin. “Today is about creating that opportunity for Columbia’s families and our neighborhoods. It’s about building our city one home at a time.”

Currently, ECDC is developing Burton Heights III, located off of Farrow Road on Burton Heights Circle. The subdivision will accommodate 26 single family residential homes. There have been 20 newly constructed homes sold and 6 more are being developed this year. The homes will range from 1,300-1,600 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, all major appliances and a one car garage.

The new homes feature smart home smart touch technology, Kenmore appliances, tankless water heaters, cherry-colored cabinets and hardwood floors and an irrigation system.

“By the end of 2014, Eau Claire Development Corporation will have injected $650,000 through Federal HOME Funds to create 6 residential affordable housing units for households at or below 80% of Area Median Income. ECDC continues to strive to make North Columbia a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. In all, there are a total of 26 units of residential homes in Burton Heights Phase 2. There has been a total of more than $2.5 million in funding for the project since 2007 in an effort to create affordable housing,” Michael Strange, Eau Claire Development Corporation executive director said.

Since ECDC's inception, which derived from the 1998 Eau Claire Task Force Report and the 1993 Eau Claire Redevelopment Plan, ECDC's overarching goal continues to focus on revitalization efforts in Eau Claire/North Columbia that support and uplift cultural diversity, urban renewal, residential vibrancy, sound economic investments and financial prosperity. The past, current and future development projects and initiatives are the vehicles that have and will continue to steer both commercial and residential growth and renewal.

The City of Columbia’s Community Development Department offers many home loan options for those looking to purchase. The GAP Purchase program offers up to $10,000 in down payment assistance for qualified applicants.

For more information on the homes, please call the Eau Claire Development Corporation at 803-733-8438 or visit www.columbiasc.net/ecdc.

Mayor Steve Benjamin

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

ECDC Director-Michael Strange

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 5, the City of Columbia celebrated and hosted the seventh annual National Night Out (NNO) in Columbia's neighborhoods with cookouts, community block parties, a birthday celebration and more.
National Night Out, a yearling community building campaign, is designed to:

(1) heighten crime prevention awareness,
(2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs,
(3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and
(4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

LET'S MOVE! COLUMBIA DANCE CAMP

Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camp

The City of Columbia hosted their first Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camp and plans to continue the community program throughout the City of Columbia. The Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camp was instructed by former dance instructor and University of South Carolina student Tiera Smith. This years Dance Camp was a tremendous success.

The Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camps' purpose was to educate today's youth about the importance of physical activity and education on cultural diversity. The program was initiated by Community Resources Coordinator Wanda Austin and Tiera Smith.

Over the past couple of years the obesity rate in youth has increased drastically and through the Let's Move! Initiative Programs the goal is to keep youth involved and educated about the importance of physical activity. During the dance camps, youth that participated thoroughly enjoyed the high energy activities and knowledge they gained.

For Tiera, the Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camp was a wonderful experience and she hopes that the City of Columbia continues the youth initiative programs in the community. Tiera believes that dancing is an avenue of a way of expressing your feelings and emotions. As dance continues to be a great way to express feelings and emotions it also focuses on physical activity in our youth.

The National League of Cities (NLC) has ranked Columbia No. 1 in the country in addressing childhood obesity after completing key health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC). LMCTC is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative, which is dedicated to solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation.

"Achieving this goal is an outstanding accomplishment for our city," Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine stated. "Due to the collective cooperation of the City of Columbia and our community partners, we have been able to receive a gold medal in all Let's Move! categories." "This is an ideal example of the great strides that we can make toward better health and wellness when we work together. These efforts are having a positive impact on our youth and they will have an impact on our citizens for generations to come."

The Let's Move! Columbia Dance Camp will continue their efforts in educating youths within the City the importance of maintaining a certain level of physical activity on a daily basis. Just as the National League of Cities ranked the City of Columbia "No. 1" in childhood obesity, the goal is to be No. 1 in all areas concerning youths involvement in the community.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

City of Columbia to Launch Fundraising Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness

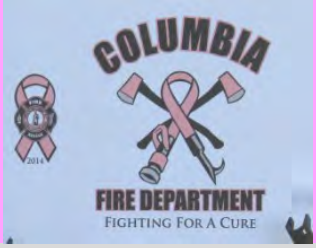
On Monday, August 18, 2014 Mayor Benjamin, Chief Holbrook and Chief Jenkins kicked off our fundraising effort to raise money for the Breast Cancer Center to help support midlands area individuals that are dealing with this life changing diagnosis. We hope to exceed last year's goal of donating $8000.

Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia Police Department Chief Skip Holbrook, Columbia Fire Department Chief Aubrey Jenkins and City staff launched the sale of official City of Columbia Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts in three different options.

(Pictured Left to right: Chief Aubrey Jenkins, Mayor Steve Benjamin, and Chief William "Skip" Holbrook)

T-shirts can be purchased by filling out a form by visiting one of the following locations:
City Hall, 1737 Main Street
Columbia Police Department Headquarters, 1 Justice Square
Columbia Fire Department Headquarters, 1800 Laurel Street
Washington Square, 1136 Washington Street

Option 1



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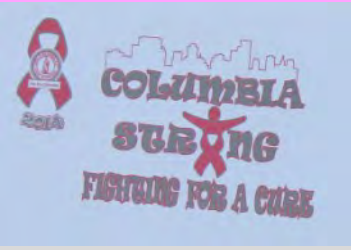

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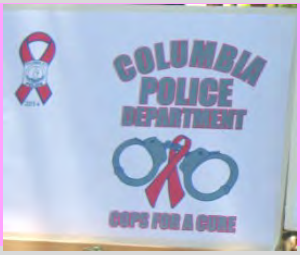

*All proceeds will go to Bosom Buddies, a 501(c)3 charity that assists women who need mastectomy bras or have other needs after surgery.

Forms can be dropped off at Washington Square Payment Center, City Hall, or sent interoffice mail to Galena Alford at the Payment Center.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer Isabel Law Breakfast to be held on October 17th from 6-9 am in the City Hall Parking Lot. Expect some new exciting things this year.

LABOR DAY CONCERT SHOWCASE

The City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department invites the public to bring their blankets, lawn chairs, coolers and dancing shoes to Finlay Park for the FREE Labor Day Weekend Concert Showcase.

CONCERT SCHEDULE:

The Terrence Young Experience-Sunday, August 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.
The Coconut Groove Band-Monday, September 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.
*Both concerts, are free and open to the public, will be held at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street.

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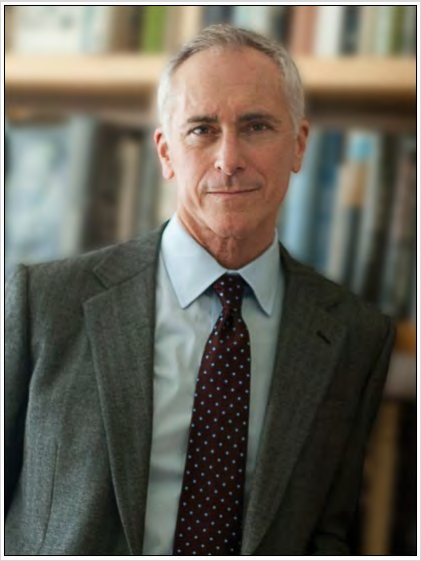
HISTORIC COLUMBIA PRESENTS



A. Scott Berg graduated from Princeton University in 1971 and is the author of four bestselling biographies: Max Perkins: Editor of Genius (1978) received the National Book Award; with a Guggenheim Fellowship, he published Goldwyn: A Biography in 1989; Lindbergh (winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Award) was published in 1998; and his biographical memoir of Katharine Hepburn, Kate Remembered, was the #1 bestseller for most of the summer of 2003.

Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times-bestselling author A. Scott Berg, who currently resides in Los Angeles, California, the author of the newest biography of President Woodrow Wilson, will be visiting and signing books at Robert Mills Carriage House in Historic Columbia on September 7 at 3 P.M..

This event is FREE and seating is limited so advanced registration is required and to register you can visit www.historiccolumbia.org, call 803-252-1770 ext. 23 or email: reservations@historiccolumbia.org.

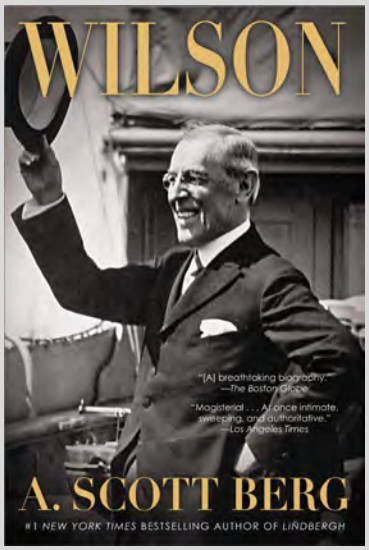
Historic Columbia will provide two opportunities on Sept. 7 to see and hear from the author A. Scott Berg:

- September 7th at the Robert Mills Carriage House located: 1616 Blanding Street, Columbia, SC 29201, **3 p.m.**, a discussion about the biography ***Wilson,*** the 28th President.

- September 7th on the porch of Woodrow Wilson Family Home, located at 1705 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 at **5 p.m.**, Berg will hold a book signing which is also free and open to the public, no registration required.

Historic Columbia will also open the Woodrow Wilson Family Home for a discounted admission price (free for Historic Columbia members, $5 for non-members) from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The book, *Wilson* is available for purchase at the Gift Shop at Robert Mills for $40. The Gift Shop will have copies available for purchase on-site at both of the day's events.



Wilson, published in September 2013, is a personal and penetrating biography about the 28th President of the United States, the product of more than a decade of research and writing.

One hundred years after his inauguration, Woodrow Wilson still stands as one of the most influential figures of the twentieth century, and one of the most enigmatic.

From the scholar-President who ushered the country through its first great world war to the man of intense passion and turbulence, from the idealist determined to make the world "safe for democracy" to the stroke-crippled leader whose incapacity and the subterfuges around it were among the century's greatest secrets, the result is an intimate portrait written with a particularly contemporary point of view – a book at once magisterial and deeply emotional about the whole of Wilson's life, accomplishments, and failings.

COLUMBIA-RICHLAND ALERTS

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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 or call 803-545-3300.

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

COVERAGE TO CARE: HEALTHCARE LITERACY

ON THE RIGHT ROAD, BUT STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

- I enrolled in the marketplace at healthcare.gov… now what?
- Do I have to keep the health insurance I have?
- I didn't get a chance to signup, is it too late?
- I have to pay more than I thought I would, now what?
- I had to choose a new doctor…why?
- And there's more…

"COVERAGE TO CARE"

Friday, August 29, 2014, 10am – 11am

The Cooperative Ministry
3821 W. Beltline Blvd.
Columbia, SC

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Columbia, SC 29204
803-799-3533

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MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

City of Columbia and North Columbia Business Association to Host Annual Mayor's Economic Development Luncheon

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities and the North Columbia Business Association (NCBA) will host the fourth annual "Grow Your City" Mayor's Economic Development Luncheon on Friday, September 12, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 2 pm. This annual event will be held at Michael's Café and Catering in the Hampton Room, located at 1620 Main St. Workshops for attendees will begin at 8 a.m. and this year's presenters are:

* Jason Freier, CEO of Hardball Capital
* Mel Wallace, consultant and small business advocate
* Bob Hughes, developer

The luncheon and workshops give business owners, community leaders and municipal government leaders an opportunity to showcase projects currently under development from their areas and to learn about ongoing projects in the Midlands. Tickets for this event are $50 and can be purchased at the NCBA office, located at 1013 Duke Ave., or by calling 803-786-7232

For more information, please visit www.northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com or call 803-786-7232.

WHAT'S NEW AT DREW WELLNESS!

Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204
803-545-3200
www.drewwellnesscenter.com

Back-to-School Membership Special

For a limited time, the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering a ***Back-to-School Special*** on new or renewing ***ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS***. The offer ends September 30.

Annual Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non-Resident)	Back-to-School Special (Ends Sept. 30)
ADULT (18-49)	~~$264/$304~~	$210
SENIOR (50+)	~~$198/$228~~	$160
FAMILY (Up to 4 people)	~~$396/$456~~	$325

Membership Includes: Access to Beautiful Indoor Pool; 6-Goal Basketball Court; Unlimited Group Exercise Classes: Yoga, Zumba, Pump & Sculpt, BLT (Butt, Legs & Thighs), Chair Aerobics, Aqua Zumba, Spinning and Water Aerobics; Indoor Walking/Jogging Track; Personal Training Available (separate fee); Free Fitness Consultation; Weight Room and Cardio Area.

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

www.columbiasc.net

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

Indoor pool
6-Goal Indoor basketball court
Exercise classes (Unlimited)
Yoga
Aqua Zumba
Personal Training
Weight Room
Cardio
Indoor walking/jogging track
Spinning
Water Aerobics
Many more...

KICKBOXING cardio

Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

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803-545-3200
www.drewwellnesscenter.com

Turbo KICK

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Saturday, October 11, 2014
Charles R. Drew Wellness Center
2101 Walker Solomon Way
9 AM-5 PM
Cost: $189

Learn to teach this cardio kickboxing and body sculpting-based choreographed routine to hot music mixes. You'll learn the skills to get your classes lean and toned, and have a blast while doing it!

Fitness background not necessary!
(0.7 ACE CEU's & 7.75 AFAA CEC's)

Register early to ensure your spot for the training.
To register, visit www.turbokick.com.

For more information, please contact Britney Sanders at 803-545-3200 or BCSanders@ColumbiaSC.net.

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www.drewwellnesscenter.com

September is National Yoga Month

If you've been waiting to try yoga, now is the time!

Join one of our **FREE** yoga classes in September. If you're a member, bring a friend to enjoy the benefits of yoga.

Free yoga class dates include:

September 10 at 12:15-1PM

September 11 at 5:30-6:30PM

September 12 at 12:15-1:00PM

The benefits of yoga include:

- **Increased flexibility and balance**
- **Increased strength from head to toe**
- **Muscular tension relief throughout the whole body**
- **Decrease in the affects of stress on the body**

For more information, please call 803-545-3200.

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yogahealth foundation

NOW OPEN! NCBA FOOD PARK

NORTH COLUMBIA FOOD PARK

The North Columbia Food Park is a community Farmer's Market that aims to provide the citizens of North Columbia and surrounding areas to access fresh fruits, plants and vegetables grown locally.

The North Columbia Food Park will continue promoting healthy fruits and vegetables through November every Friday and Saturday.

There is no cost for entry but pricing will vary based on the vendor. You can visit: www.foodparkofcolumbia.com for more information or contact 803-556-5428.

Open Every Friday From 4 pm - 6 pm

Saturdays 8 am - 2 pm

For More Information Call NCBA 803-786-7232

LET'S MOVE! COLUMBIA GAME DAY

Let's Move! Columbia GameDay

Saturday, September 20, 2014

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Field Games ✓
Celebrity Flag Football ✓
3K Race ✓

Drew Park Green Space
(Adjacent to Drew Wellness Center)
2101 Walker Solomon Way
Columbia, SC 29204

Scavenger Hunt ✓
Entertainment ✓
Free to the Public ✓

Nonprofit health and wellness organizations can register for a free table.

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For more information, please contact Wanda Austin at 803-255-8161 or weaustin@columbiasc.net.

LET'S MOVE! Columbia

UPCOMING EVENTS

The City of Columbia will host the 8th Annual Walk against Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Finlay Park at 9 a.m., located at 930 Laurel Street.

The Mayor's walk supports the advocates, admires the survivors, honors the taken and never gives up hope in stopping the violence. Domestic violence has become a critical issue in the Palmetto State.

Registration is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Public Relations, Marketing and Media Department at:

pio@columbiasc.net or 803-545-3020.

Low-Calorie Cracked Candy Mosaic Art Workshop

Workshop Taught by Sharon Funderburk

This two-day workshop will focus on making a 12" x 12" mosaic piece which will be chosen from patterns supplied in class. The registration fee of $90 will include all supplies and materials necessary for class.

Session 1: Saturday, October 4, 2014; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Session 2: Saturday, October 11, 2014; 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Materials Provided

12" x 12" piece of wood
Stained Glass, Glue, Glass Crackers, Glass Cutters, Oil, Grout, Sealer Sponges, Buckets, Gloves, Band-Aids

Suggested Items to Bring: Safety Glasses

Session 1: Go over the background of mosaic and the forms. Review safety practices and tools, and how they are used. Instructions in glass cutting, cracking and placement of glass.

Session 2: Instructions on grouting and cleaning the final piece. Discussion on how to seal the mosaic after it has cured.

Both sessions will be taught at the Columbia Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street.

Preregister by September 20, 2014. Minimum of 4 students and maximum of 10 students allowed.

Collage Art Workshop—Using Mixed Media

Instruction by Sharon Funderburk

Join us as we explore the world of collage art... From the traditional look

To the Whimsical look

To the contemporary look

Note: Pictures are representative of the work that will be done with mixed media and do not represent the exact work.

Collage (From the French: *coller*, to glue, French pronunciation: [kɔ.la.ʒ]) is a technique of an art production, primarily used in the visual arts, where the artwork is made from an assemblage of different forms, thus creating a new whole.

A collage may sometimes include magazine and newspaper clippings, ribbons, paint, bits of colored or handmade papers, portions of other artwork or texts, photographs and other found objects, glued to a piece of paper or canvas. The origins of collage can be traced back hundreds of years, but this technique made a dramatic reappearance in the early 20th century as an art form of novelty .

What: Collage Art Workshop
When: Saturday October 25, 2014
Where: Edisto Discovery Park, 1914 Wiley Street
Columbia, SC
Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fee: $70 per person (materials provided)
Deadline: October 10 , 2014
Workshop Limit: Minimum of 4, maximum of 15

Pottery Workshop for Children

Let your child create their own unique Christmas present at this 3-hour pottery workshop on November 1. The workshop is divided into two age groups: ages 5-9 and 10-16. Each child will be able to complete at least one project during the time of the workshop. Children must preregister to participate. Registration is due by October 15. Minimum of 3 participants and maximum 12 in each session.

What: Pottery Workshop

Ages: 5-9

When: Saturday November 1 2014

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia

Registration fee: $35

What: Pottery Workshop

Ages: 10 –16

When: Saturday November 1, 2014

Time: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia

Registration Fee: $35

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Parks & Recreation

Columbia Art Center
1928 Calhoun Street
Columbia, SC 29201
803-545-3093
bloliver@columbiasc.net
ColumbiaSC.net

Registration Information — Pottery Workshop for Children

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Fee Enclosed: _____ Age: _____

Please make check or money order payable to the City of Columbia. Mail registration form and payment to Columbia Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

VACANCIES FOR THE CITY'S BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): Seeking one (1) District 1 Applicant.
The purpose of BPAC is to advise the Mayor and City Council Members, the City of Columbia transportation planning staff; community organizations; and partners on bicycling and pedestrian issues facing the city; to work toward development of bicycle/pedestrian master plan; to represent community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions; and to provide feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Current appointees need to re-apply for consideration. Term - 2 years.

Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes: Seeking five (5) Applicants.
The City of Columbia is accepting applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes. Applicants being sought must meet the following criteria: an architect, a landscape or urban planner, an attorney, and an individual involved in real estate.
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.

Columbia Housing Authority: Seeking one (1) Applicant.
Responsible for the oversight of the Housing Authority and its Executive Director. Term – 5 years.

Historic Columbia Foundation: Seeking one (1) Applicant.
Historic Columbia Foundation's mission is to nurture, support and protect the historical and cultural heritage of Columbia and its environs through programs of advocacy, education and preservation. Term – 4 years.

Parks and Recreation Foundation: Seeking two (2) Applicants.
Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation enhances the leisure service opportunities in the City of Columbia by improving the scope and quality of educational and human development programs. It encourages, recruits, receives, and administers gifts, devises, and donations by deed, will or otherwise, for the advancement of the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. 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.

You can also visit our website at https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions to download an application.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2014 Council Meeting Dates:

Dates:	Events
September 2	Work Session/Council Meeting
September 16	Work Session/Council Meeting/ Zoning Public Hearing
October 7	Work Session/Council Meeting
October 21	Work Session/Council Meeting
November 16	Work Session/Council Meeting/ Zoning Public Hearing
December 2	Work Session/Council Meeting
December 16	Work Session/Council Meeting

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2014 City of Columbia Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Official & Designated Day-Date-2014
Labor Day	Monday— September 1, 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