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City of Columbia Municipal Election Tuesday, November 3, 2015

The Richland County Elections & Voter Registration Office reminds citizens that Monday, November 2, 2015 is the last day for absentee voting for the City of Columbia Municipal Election. To review the fifteen (15) qualifications for absentee voting visit www.scvotes.org.

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All voting precincts have been inspected by Richland County and no changes have been made to your precinct location. To view a list of precincts visit www.columbiasc.net/elections.

To verify the location of your precinct visit www.scvotes.org.

Richland County Elections & Voter Registration Office

2020 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

Phone: (803)576.2240

Email: absenteeballots@rcgov.us

Precinct Search: www.scvotes.org

For additional information please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803)545.3045 or visit www.columbiasc.net/elections.

Midlands Area Treasured Trees Program 2015

Accepting Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Treasured Trees Program. The Treasured Trees Program seeks to document and preserve trees that have significant value to the greater community, and promote the awareness, benefit and value of trees to the community.

Selection Criteria:

- Trees of superior size or stature
- Trees associated with historical events
- Trees noteworthy for their aesthetic or sentimental value, their scarcity, or even because they are great trees to climb or swing from can be nominated.
- Trees with environmental benefits and value
- Groups of trees will also be considered for designation when their plurality contributes to their significance

Nominated trees can be located on public or private property and can be nominated by anyone. Trees should be located in the Greater Columbia Metropolitan Area, and preference will be given to trees in locations accessible for public viewing. Nominations of trees located on private property require the signature of the property owner granting the Treasured Trees program access to the property in order to evaluate and photograph the nominated tree.

The owner/caretaker of each selected tree will receive a certificate or award at a public Arbor Day celebration at the Governor's Mansion, and some of the trees may be publicized in The State newspaper.

Nominations are due by November 15, 2015. Participants should provide their name and contact information along with a description, location and photograph of the tree. If available, please include significance or history related to the tree. Nominations may be delivered or emailed to:

City of Columbia
Forestry & Beautification Division
Treasured Trees
2910 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
Office: 803.545.3860 Fax: 803.733.8648 forestry@columbiasc.net

This program is a joint project of the City of Columbia, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, and Columbia Garden Club.

City of Columbia Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

City of Columbia offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Garbage collection route scheduled for Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) will be moved to Wednesday, November 25.

No changes to the garbage collection route for Friday, November 27.



37th Annual Veterans Day Parade

Celebrate Veterans Day at the City of Columbia's 37th Annual Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

Known as one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day Parade, the event will kick off at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Sumter and Laurel streets, and travel southbound on Sumter Street ending at Pendleton Street near the State House.

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

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Green Space Closed for Special Event Usage Only

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department announced that the green space at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park is closed to special event usage due to the damage caused by the October 2015 Flood.

The park's community center remains open to visitors; however, all special events have been moved from the park's green space until further notice. All activities scheduled inside the community center will continue as normal.

The green space is still accessible for individual usage.

Midlands Animal Control/Care Officers Offer Microchip Scanning Services for Displaced Pets

Due to the recent flooding in the Midlands, there has been an unfortunate rise in displaced pets. The City of Columbia and Richland County governments are committed to helping reunite lost pets with their family.

The City and Richland County would like to remind residents that animal control/care officers are important resources that are available to help expedite the reuniting process and help pets trying to return home. Officers are equipped with microchip scanners and can be dispatched to your location to scan the lost pet to identify its home and family.

If you are a resident of Richland County or the City of Columbia and are housing a displaced pet, please contact a local animal control/care office immediately.

For more information on microchip scanning services, please call the City of Columbia at 803-776-7387 or Richland County at 803-929-6000.



We Are Columbia



Registration Open for City's Instructional Cheerleading Program

The registration period for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation's Cheerleading program is open for girls ages 5-13. The last day to register is Sunday, November 15.

The cheerleading program is an opportunity for youth to have fun and learn cheerleading fundamentals. There is no fee to participate.

Practices will be held on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, November 10. Practices will be held at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street. Performances will be held on Saturdays at various city parks during the Youth Winter Basketball season.

To register online, visit <http://gate.columbiasc.gov/cheer/>.

Registration forms are also available and can be submitted at any community recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 during regular business hours.

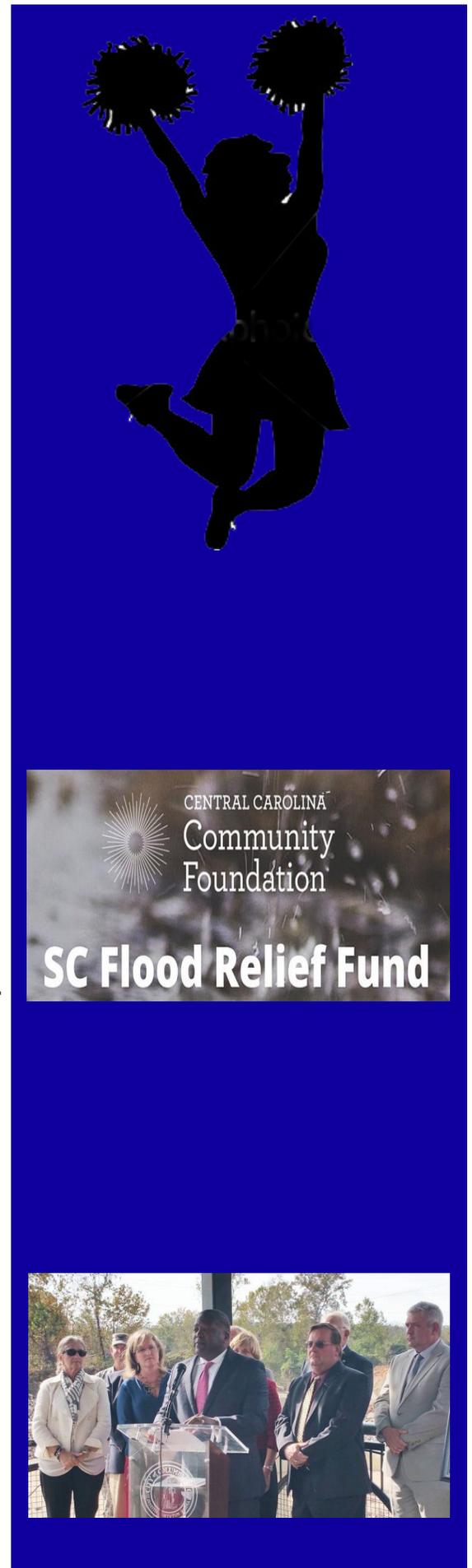
For more information, please call the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

SC Flood Relief Fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation

On Thursday, October 9 the Regional Mayors Forum - a collaborative of all mayors in Richland and Lexington Counties, as well as mayors from Sumter and Camden, S.C. - hosted a press conference at Coble Plaza at Columbia's Riverfront Park,.

The purpose of the Regional Mayors Forum gathering was to urge the public to support long-term flood relief efforts by donating to the S.C. Flood Relief Fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation, where 100% of donations go directly to local, non-profit organizations providing flood relief in Midlands. For details on the fund, visit www.yourfoundation.org/SCFloodRelief.

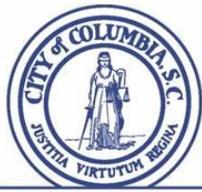
Mayor Steve Benjamin also announced that one family responding to the needs of folks in the Midlands is the Lipscomb Family. Their Foundation has been a longtime supporter of our region and is a Central Carolina Community Foundation partner. They are stepping forward to help our community rebuild. Starting today, their foundation will match all gifts to the S.C. Flood Relief Fund up to \$100,000. To donate, visit www.yourfoundation.org/SCFloodRelief



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2016 INNOVATING FOR WOMEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE

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The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities (OBO), in partnership with Columbia College and the USC-Columbia Technology Incubator, is excited to announce Columbia's participation in **InnovateHER!** **InnovateHER** is a national women's business challenge sponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) seeking innovative products and services that help impact and empower the lives of women and families.

The SBA anticipates that cash prizes totaling **\$70,000** will be awarded to the three highest-rated contestants in the final round of the competition:

1st Place \$40,000

2nd Place \$20,000

3rd Place \$10,000

Visit
www.columbiasc.net/OBO
for judging criteria.

Important Dates

November 05, 2015 5:00 pm
Deadline: **InnovateHER** application and business plan submissions to OBO@columbiasc.net
(Plans must include an Executive Summary)

November 06, 2015
Finalists announced

November 12, 2015 6:00 pm
InnovateHER Competition
Darla Moore School of Business

For more information, call (803) 545-3950 or visit www.columbiasc.net/OBO.



For more information about this national event, visit sba.gov/InnovateHER.

Personal Training

GET FIT • GET HEALTHY GET RESULTS!

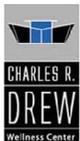
Do you want to improve your fitness results? Schedule a free personal training consultation with nationally certified trainers at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center.

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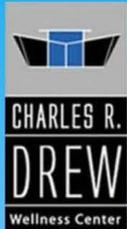
Get started today, contact Nichole Williams at 803-545-3200 or newilliams@columbiasc.net.



Charles R. Drew Wellness Center • 2101 Walker Solomon Way • 803-545-3200 • drewwellnesscenter.com



Personal Fitness Trainer Certification and Workshop



Personal Fitness Trainer Certification and Workshop

Do you love helping others get fit and live a healthy lifestyle? Become a certified personal fitness trainer through the AFAA Personal Fitness Trainer Certification! The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is hosting a 3-day workshop and certification with the Aerobics Fitness Association of America. Gain the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to safely and effectively help your clients reach their health and fitness goals.



When:

November 6 at 1PM - 9:30PM
November 7 and 8 at 8AM - 6PM

Host Location:

Charles R. Drew Wellness Center
2101 Walker Solomon Way
Columbia, SC 29204

Cost: \$499*

(Includes study guide and exam, one year AFAA membership, certificate, ID Card, and more)

(*Fee does not include recommended textbook, Personal Fitness Training: Theory & Practice, 2nd Edition-\$69)

To register, go to www.afaa.com

For more information, please contact Britney Sanders at bcsanders@columbiasc.net.

Charles R. Drew Wellness Center • 2101 Walker Solomon Way • 803-545-3200 • drewwellnesscenter.com

**Earn 15 AFAA
CEU's with
completed
study guide!**

Cheerleading

City of Columbia Parks & Recreation

CHEERLEADING

Ages 5-13 | Practice starts November 17th



REGISTRATION

Now through Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015

It's FREE to participate

Registration forms can be submitted at:

Parks and Recreation Administration Office

1111 Parkside Drive

Columbia, SC 29203

LEARN AND PLAY

Instructional cheerleading practices will be held on

Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.

at Greenview Park, 6700 David Street

CONTACT

Scott Riley

803-545-3113 or sariley@columbiasc.net

Parks and Recreation Department • 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 • 803-545-3100 • www.ColumbiaSC.net

Famously Hot New Year



MS. LAURYN HILL

DEC. 31 FREE

FAMOUSLY HOT NEW YEAR COLUMBIA SC

COLUMBIA, SC
#SCSTRONG

The poster features a black and white photograph of Ms. Lauryn Hill performing on stage. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and has her right arm raised in a fist. She is holding an acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is dark blue. The text 'MS. LAURYN HILL' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, the date 'DEC. 31 FREE' is written in orange and yellow. To the right of the date is a logo for 'FAMOUSLY HOT NEW YEAR COLUMBIA SC' featuring a stylized flame and three stars. At the bottom, the text 'COLUMBIA, SC' and '#SCSTRONG' are written in white and orange. A rainbow-colored diagonal stripe runs across the bottom right corner of the poster.

Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
November 10 at 10am	Board of Zoning Appeals (BoZa) Meeting	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
November 10 at 2pm	City Council Work Session	1737 Main Street City Hall
November 10 at 6pm	City Council Meeting	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
November 12 at 4pm	Design/Development Review Commission (DDRC)	1737 Main Street Council Chambers
November 18 at 12pm	CEZ, Inc. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	1509 Lady Street Lady Street Suites - Conference Room
November 26 November 27	City Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday	All City Offices

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