City eNews

We Are Columbia

BUILDCOLUMBIA
The Blueprint for a World Class City

Gervais Street Bridge

March 2014

Our Mission:

The City of Columbia's mission is to provide bold leadership and exemplary services to advance the quality of life for everyone.

Our Vision:

We are Columbia... together we will build a world-class city.

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CITY OF COLUMBIA HOSTS SPECIAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT

On **March 6,** the city held The Financial Status of Women in 2014 Forum, to honor Women's History Month and to highlight the findings of the most recent Shriver Report. There was a panel discussion featuring women from the community who brought attention to the financial issues being faced by women in our community. The panel consisted of:

- Dr. Linda Salane, Interim Director for the Cooperative Ministry
- Representative Mia McLeod, House District 79
- M. Malissa Burnette, Certified Specialist in Employment and Labor Law
- Drucilla Barker, Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of South Carolina
- Patricia Taylor, a formerly homeless woman working to support herself
- Tanya Rodriguez Hodges, President and CEO of Latino Communications.
- Toni Lucas, Assistant Property Manager for a local non-profit.

City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine served as host for the forum. "President Barack Obama moved the nation during his State of the Union Address when he focused on the financial status of women in our country. His words rang true when he referenced that when women succeed, America succeeds. That is true in Columbia as well, and it is time that we take a closer look at the conditions that impact the financial stability of women in our city and the surrounding communities," Councilwoman Devine commented.

The forum was held at Columbia College, in the Breed Leadership Center. It was open and free to the public.

SEE THE WINNING #LOVECOLUMBIA PHOTO WINNERS AT CITY HALL THIS THURSDAY

The #LoveColumbia Photo Contest was a City initiative that encouraged citizens of Columbia to submit photos via social media of the images they love in the City, including things and places.

The #LoveColumbia Photo Contest was promoted on the City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites during December 2013 and January 2014, where citizens were tasked with submitting images, which included landscapes, structures, buildings, historical monuments and more.

The followers on each of the sites were asked to vote on their favorite images and the top five photos with the most votes on each social media site progressed to a second round of judging.

The following winners were announced during the City Council meeting on February 18, where their photos were unveiled to Mayor Benjamin and City Council members:

- Ashley Concannon – Facebook Winner (Finlay Park at sunrise)
- Joshua Rue – Instagram Winner (Gervais Street Bridge)
- Frederick Austin – Twitter Winner (Main Street during the holidays)

There were over 300 submissions for the contest on social media. The winning photos were on display at The Gallery at City Hall, 1737 Main St., for **First Thursday on March 6 from 6-8 p.m.**

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW SOCIAL MEDIA TREND

The City of Columbia will be joining the growing trend of posting older images on social media for the weekly "throwback Thursdays" theme. Throwback Thursdays is the name given to the weekly posting of photos from the past. Beginning on **Thursday, March 6, 2014,** the City of Columbia's social media sites began posting photos with the familiar hashtag, #TBT.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the growth and development of Columbia throughout the years," stated City Manager Wilson.

Citizens that are interested in this trend can follow the City of Columbia on the social media sites listed below:

- Facebook - City of Columbia
- Twitter - @CityofColumbia
- YouTube – Columbia SC Government
- Pinterest – We Are Columbia
- Tumblr – The City of Columbia
- Google+ - We Are Columbia
- LinkedIn – City of Columbia
- Instagram – We Are Columbia

#TBT

NEW SPRING ART CLASSES AT THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S ART CENTER

The City Of Columbia's Art Center, located at 1928 Calhoun St., is offering three new art workshops during the month of March.

"Mommy and Me" is a unique opportunity for children and parents to experience creation of art together. The class is for children ages 2-5 and will use a combination of clay and drawing mediums. The class meets on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. for four weeks beginning March 10, 2014. Registration is $50, which covers parent, child and all supplies and materials. The deadline to register is **Friday, March 7, 2014.**

The "Children's Pottery" workshop will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The workshop will be in two sessions. Session I is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is for children ages 5-9. Session II is from 2-5 p.m. for children ages 10 and up. Registration is $35 per child, which includes all supplies and materials for two projects. The deadline to register is Monday, March 10, 2014.

The "Mosaic Stepping Stone" workshop will introduce different forms of mosaic to create beautiful outdoor stepping stones. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first class focuses on breaking tile, selecting a design and letting the adhesive cure. The second class is for grouting both projects, cleaning and sealing the tiles for the outdoors. Participants are asked to bring safety glasses to class. Registration is $60, which includes all supplies and materials for two 12x12 stones. The deadline to register is **Monday, March 17, 2014.**

All classes will be held at the Art Center, located at 1928 Calhoun St. Registration forms can be found online at www.columbiasc.net under "Parks and Recreation" or at the Art Center.

CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION SWINGS INTO SPRING WITH TWO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EXPOS

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is swinging into spring with two youth baseball and softball expos.

The expos will feature clinics, games, music, food and more. There will be boys youth baseball for ages 9-14, girls youth softball for ages 8-14 and City Sluggers instructional baseball for ages 4-8.

The first expo will be held on **Saturday, March 15, 2014** from noon-4 p.m. at Hyatt Park, located 930 Jackson St. Transportation will be provided from Greenview and Lorick Parks.

The second expo will be held on **Saturday, March 22, 2014** from noon-4 p.m. at Pinehurst Park, located at 2300 Pinehurst Rd. Transportation will be provided from St. Anna's and Martin Luther King Parks.

Registration is $25, however assistance is available. Verification must be shown to receive free or reduced lunch. The goal is to ensure every child plays. Equipment will be provided by the department.

Registration forms can be found online at www.columbiasc.net under "Parks and Recreation" or can be filled out at the Earlewood Park offices, located at 1111 Parkside Dr.

Those interested in being a coach should contact Parks and Recreation at 803-545-3100.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION TO HOST REAL WOMEN WORKSHOP

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department will host the Real Women Workshop on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at 10 a.m. at Greenview Park, located at 6700 David St.

The theme of this year's workshop is "the struggle is real, but victory is promised." Speakers will give empowering tools in the areas of spirituality, health and finances.

The keynote speaker will be Pastor Kim Brown of the Temple of Deliverance. Other guest speakers include Saa'Shalom "Soul" I.M. Bey of Raw Food Training Academy and LaTesha Rainey of Lexington Medical Hospital.

The workshop is free and childcare will be provided for children ages 5-12.

To register, please call 803-754-5223. Space is limited. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, March 26, 2014.**

For more information, please call Greenview Park at 803-754-5223 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

CURING KIDS CANCER AND MAD PERFORMANCE TRAINING WILL HOST ITS INAUGURAL FIRE TRUCK

Curing Kids Cancer will host its first fire-truck pull on **Saturday, April 5.** "Pull for Curing Kids Cancer" will benefit Palmetto Health Children's Hospital Cancer & Blood Disorders Clinic. Curing Kids Cancer was founded in 2005 by Grainne and Clay Own after they lost their 9-year old son, Killian, to leukemia in 2003. The organization has raised more than $4 million to fund new childhood cancer treatments since it was founded.

The event will take place at the MAD Performance Training gym at 608 South Saluda Ave. off of Rosewood Drive. Teams must arrive at 9 a.m. to sign in and the event will begin at 10 a.m.

Teams of 10 people will race to see who can pull a fire truck in the fastest time. All-female teams or teams of participants under the age of 18 are allowed to have 12 people pull. Waivers must be signed for every participant and parents must sign for participants under the age of 18.

Registration is $200 per team, but teams are encouraged to raise more. Each competitor will receive an event T-shirt. The team that raises the most money will receive a one-second advantage.

Forms and more information are on the Curing Kids Cancer website at http:// www.curingkidscancer.org/firetruckpull. Payment, registration and waivers are due on Friday, March 28. The registration fee will be $300 after that date.

Curing Kids Cancer will assign each team to pull in honor or in memory of a child affected by pediatric cancer unless they have a child they would like the pull for. Teams are encouraged to dress up according to the likes, interests or hobbies of the child for whom they are pulling.

Curing Kids Cancer, founded in 2005, has raised more than $4 million for pediatric cancer research. Curing Kids Cancer is dedicated to funding cutting-edge cancer research. It believes that targeted therapies offer great hope in providing better cures for childhood cancer with fewer side effects.

CITY OF COLUMBIA TO PARTICIPATE IN HEART WALK

The City has declared a walking team to participate in the American Heart Association's 2014 Heart Walk on **March 22,** which will help support the fight against heart disease. The entire community is encouraged to join the city's team, Heart of The City Walkers, at www.heartwalk.org.

To sign up, visit www.heartwalk.org , search and select the "Heart Walk 2013-2014 Midlands, SC" event, and select "Register" then "Join A Team." This walk will be another major step towards increasing awareness of heart disease in the City of Columbia and throughout the Midlands.

The city has made many efforts to encourage the community to take part in the American Heart Association's cause. The city hosted a Go Red For Women event on February 7 to recognize the fight against heart disease and to support the women affected. The city also officially proclaimed the day as Go Red Day in the City of Columbia, and a proclamation was presented to local representatives of the American Heart Association.

City Hall also participated by "going red" for the entire month of February. City Hall was illuminated at night with a warm red glow to remind citizens about the impact of heart disease in the community. Red wreaths that include the official "red dress" logo of the national Go Red campaign also adorned City Hall.

CITY OF COLUMBIA CHALLENGES CITIZENS TO #DRINKUPCOLUMBIAH20

In recognition of National Nutrition Month the City of Columbia is challenging citizens to "Drink Up," which is the newest part of the Let's Move! campaign. During the month of March the City of Columbia would like citizens to drink healthier by offering two challenges during March:

1. Drink only water during the month of march.
2. Add eight 8 oz glasses of water into your daily diet.

There are many benefits to drinking water such as:

- Drinking Water Helps Maintain the Balance of Body Fluids.
- Drinking Water Helps Keep Skin Looking Good.
- Drinking water helps you lead a healthy lifestyle which reduces your chance for heart disease

Register to take the pledge to #DrinkUpColumbiaH2O by clicking HERE. Check out Connecting Columbia every week for more health tips about drinking water!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO HOST FINANCIAL STABILITY WORKSHOP

The City of Columbia Community Development Department will host Access Columbia, the premier workshop on financial stability, on **Saturday, April 5, 2014** at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Access Columbia is our effort to empower the community at-large with the financial information they need to build a better quality of life. Everyone needs basic financial tools in order to plan for major life decisions such as building a good credit history and buying a home. We want to provide this financial seminar to help families build a strong foundation for future generations," Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine stated.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Those interested can register online at http://columbia.sc.gov/AccessColumbia or by calling Community Development at 803-545-3373.

Classes range from budgeting to fair housing. Classes are available for children and teens. Participants can take up to two of the following classes:

- Give Credit ... When Credit is Due: Learn how to read a credit report and new tools to improve credit scores.
- Creating Cash on a Budget: Learn to manage money by creating a spending plan and find ways to limit spending and increase income.
- Why It's Best to Invest: Learn about the benefits of the stock market and how it can help your income.
- Cash 4 College: Learn about 529 college savings plans, benefits of the SC Educational Lottery and student loans.
- Teenagers and Money: Teens can learn about money saving tools, while still having fun with friends. This class is intended for youth grades 7th-12th.
- Climbing the Money Tree: Children can learn about money management, budgeting, savings and banking in a fun interactive class targeted for grades 1st-6th.
- The Search for Fair Housing: Learn about fair housing laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, disability and familial status.

"Creating Cash on a Budget" will also be offered in Spanish.

There will be an informational fair with vendors ranging from banks, financial institutions and more.

"MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS" SPECIALS AT DREW WELLNESS CENTER

The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center is offering springtime specials on new or renewal annual memberships during the month of March.

Annual memberships to the Drew Wellness Center include access to the Olympic-size indoor pool, basketball courts, unlimited group exercises classes, the walking and jogging track, personal training, fitness consultations, weights and cardio area.

For adults, ages 18-49, an annual membership will cost $210. For seniors, over the age of 50, a membership will cost $160 and for a family of up to four people, a membership will cost just $325.

This offer is valid through **Monday, March 31, 2014.**

2014 City of Columbia Holiday Schedule

Holiday	**Official & Designated Day-Date-2014**
Friday Before to Easter	**Friday— April 18, 2014**
Memorial Day	**Monday— May 26, 2014**
Independence Day	**Friday— July 4, 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**

2014 Council Meeting Dates

COUNCIL MEETING DATES	TYPE OF MEETING	DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS
MARCH 18	ZONING PUBLIC HEARING	MARCH 7
APRIL 1	DISTRICT IV EVENING MEETING	MARCH 21
APRIL 15	COUNCIL MEETING	APRIL 4

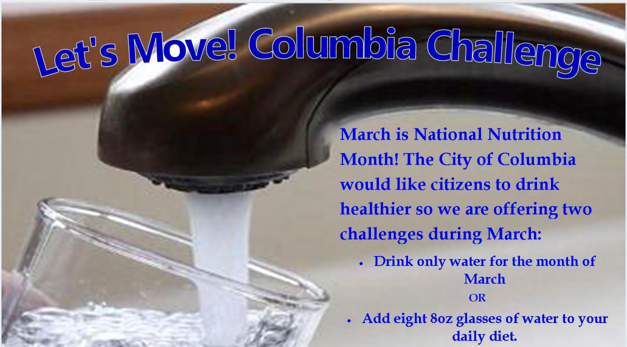
Work Sessions are commonly held to handle business that arises and cannot be postponed until a regular meeting. Council can effectively use them to address issues that affect only a limited number of citizens; to consider items of high public interest; and as a means of avoiding prolonged regular meetings. City Council will conduct a work session at 2:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Regular Meetings of Council are used to discuss the municipality's general and routine business and to enact necessary ordinances and resolutions. These meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

District Evening Meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of each quarter. This meeting rotates within the four Council Districts and starts at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Public Hearings are conducted on the third Tuesday of every odd number month at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events



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OR

- Add eight 8oz glasses of water to your daily diet.

Let us know how your challenge is going

#DrinkUpColumbiaH2O

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LET'S MOVE Columbia

drink up

Join The City of Columbia at this year's **Heart Walk.**

Saturday
March
22

Heart of the City Walkers
www.heartwalk.org

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For more information please contact the Midlands Heart Walk staff at (803) 806-3092 or midlandsheartwalk@heart.org

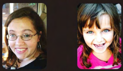
American Heart Association
Learn and Live

2013 Heart Walk

City of Columbia | Public Relations, Marketing & Media Department | www.ColumbiaSC.net

Planning Ahead

WILL YOU PULL FOR US?



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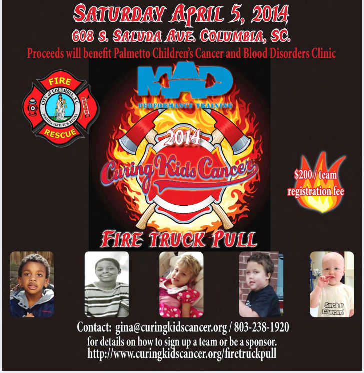
FIRE TRUCK PULL



SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2014

608 S. SALUDA AVE. COLUMBIA, SC.

Proceeds will benefit Palmetto Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Clinic

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CITY of COLUMBIA, S.C.
RESCUE
MAD
PERFORMANCE TRAINING
2014
Curing Kids Cancer
Suck It Cancer!

FIRE TRUCK PULL

$200 / team registration fee

Contact: gina@curingkidscancer.org / 803-238-1920
for details on how to sign up a team or be a sponsor.
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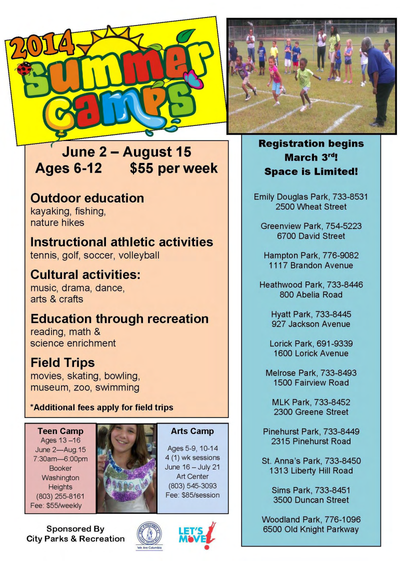

2014 Summer Camps

June 2 – August 15
Ages 6-12 $55 per week

Outdoor education
kayaking, fishing,
nature hikes

Instructional athletic activities
tennis, golf, soccer, volleyball

Cultural activities:
music, drama, dance,
arts & crafts

Education through recreation
reading, math &
science enrichment

Field Trips
movies, skating, bowling,
museum, zoo, swimming

***Additional fees apply for field trips**

Teen Camp
Ages 13 –16
June 2—Aug.15
7:30am—6:00pm
Booker
Washington
Heights
(803) 255-8161
Fee: $55/weekly

Arts Camp
Ages 5-9, 10-14
4 (1) wk sessions
June 16 – July 21
Art Center
(803) 545-3093
Fee: $85/session

Registration begins March 3rd!
Space is Limited!

Emily Douglas Park, 733-8531
2500 Wheat Street

Greenview Park, 754-5223
6700 David Street

Hampton Park, 776-9082
1117 Brandon Avenue

Heathwood Park, 733-8446
800 Abelia Road

Hyatt Park, 733-8445
927 Jackson Avenue

Lorick Park, 691-9339
1600 Lorick Avenue

Melrose Park, 733-8493
1500 Fairview Road

MLK Park, 733-8452
2300 Greene Street

Pinehurst Park, 733-8449
2315 Pinehurst Road

St. Anna's Park, 733-8450
1313 Liberty Hill Road

Sims Park, 733-8451
3500 Duncan Street

Woodland Park, 776-1096
6500 Old Knight Parkway

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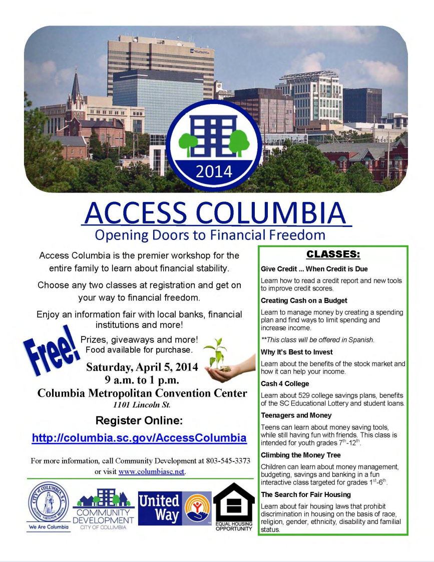

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ACCESS COLUMBIA

Opening Doors to Financial Freedom

Access Columbia is the premier workshop for the entire family to learn about financial stability.

Choose any two classes at registration and get on your way to financial freedom.

Enjoy an information fair with local banks, financial institutions and more!

Free! Prizes, giveaways and more! Food available for purchase.

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Events @ Drew

Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

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Today—March 31st

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

Annual Membership	Regular Rate (Resident/Non)	Spring Into Fitness Special
ADULT (18-49)	$264/$304	$210
SENIOR (50+)	$198/$228	$160
FAMILY (Up to 4 people)	$396/$456	$325

DrewWellnessCenter.com
2101 Walker Solomon Way
Columbia, SC 29204
803.545.3200

You've tried the WOW Boot Camp,
now it's time to commit to your goals!

Project Fit Boot Camp
For women AND men

Start signing up now!
Session 1: March 1-March 29
Saturdays @ 8:15-9:15AM
Session Cost: $20 for employees OR pay $5 per class!

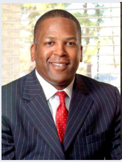
Start your session off with fitness measurements so that you can SEE your results!

Project Fit Bootcamp combines running, plyometrics, kettlebells, dumbbells, circuit training and basic movements to give you the ULTIMATE total body workout!

Twisted Sisters BOOT CAMP

2101 Walker Solomon Way
Columbia SC 29204
803-545-3200

City Leaders



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