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## **COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS TO RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENTS AT ANNUAL BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 10. The event will be held in the Carolina Ballroom of the Downtown Marriott Hotel (1200 Hampton Street at the intersection of Hampton and Main streets) and it begins at 6 p.m.

**Reggie Lloyd**, the new director of the State Law Enforcement Division, will be the special keynote speaker for the dinner. **The Tailor Made Band**, featuring Tre Taylor and Friends, will also provide musical entertainment during the evening. Tickets to the annual event only cost \$10 and may be purchased at the door. RSVPs are recommended and can be made by calling 803.237.3396.

Also, at this event, **CCN will induct the inaugural class of the Columbia Neighborhood Hall of Fame**. Sixteen individuals who have contributed to the overall improvement for all of Columbia's neighborhoods will be honored on May 10, and CCN will induct future Hall of Fame members at their annual banquets in future years.

CCN is a citywide organization that consists of all recognized neighborhoods in the City of Columbia. This year, CCN has been celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through a number of events. When it began, CCN consisted of less than 15 neighborhoods. Today, more than 93 neighborhoods in the City of Columbia belong to the organization.

CCN will also present three awards at the dinner. The **Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year** Award will recognize the achievements an individual has made in making their own neighborhood a better place to live. The **CCN Friend of the Year** award will be presented to an individual who has helped CCN achieve its objectives over the past year. Finally, the **CCN Special Recognition Award** will be presented to an individual, group, organization or institution that has had far-reaching impact in the City of Columbia or on one particular neighborhood.

2006 CCN award winners were (1) Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year – **Robert Jefferson**, Lyon Street Neighborhood, and **Linda Maxwell**, President of Riverside

Apartments; (2) CCN Friend of the Year - **Dyann White**, President of the Lincoln Park Neighborhood; and (3) Special Recognition Award – **State Senator Kay Patterson**.