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The third edition of the District 3 newsletter comes to you as you and your family members enjoy the last days of summer and prepare for the new school year. I hope the information in this issue helps you to plan for the coming fall activities as well as acquaint you with city programs and assistance.

I encourage you to contact me to discuss any suggestions or concerns about issues you may have. You can reach me by cell phone at (803) 413-1187 or you can send an e-mail to me at [casey@lex2.org](mailto:casey@lex2.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
*are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 200 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.*

**COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS**  
*are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.*

# District 3 News

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## Community Clean Up Effort Brightens N. Brown Street Area

Community-spirited people came together on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to remove thick, overgrown shrubs and trees blighting three lots in the 700 block of N. Brown Street. Over 50 volunteers armed with rakes, trash bags, weed eaters and lawnmowers undertook cleaning out severely uncontrolled brush that had created a refuge for rats, snakes, mosquitoes and other creatures. After hours of hard work the results were striking. Gone were the weeds, old tires, tangled vines and dense thickets leaving clean, cleared lots that were no longer an eyesore in the residential area. The joint effort drew volunteers from the City of West Columbia, Nueva Esperanza Community Church, Lexington County Sheriff's Department and Keep the Midlands Beautiful. Home Depot of Lexington and Waste Management, Inc. supplied materials and volunteers for the cleanup event. The photos below show the amazing transformation.



The property owners are either absentee, elderly, or disabled, which prevented them from being able to keep the lots sufficiently clean of growth and debris. Although the lots were in the unincorporated area of Lexington County and not subject to West Columbia's nuisance ordinance, the nearby residents in West Columbia suffered from the unsightly debris and vermin-infested growth. A well-coordinated effort by multiple agencies and enthusiastic volunteers resulted in cleaning all three properties.



### West Columbia Police Department on Twitter

Follow the tweets from the Police Department as information about the city business districts and residential areas is broadcast throughout West Columbia. Citizens can follow Twitter at **West Columbia PD @westcolumbiapd**.

## West Columbia Back-to-School Bash This Saturday

Hard to believe summer is nearly over and it's almost time for the new school year. The West Columbia Back-to-School Bash is Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Butler Park. This year the event includes free food and games plus DJ Skyrocket, DJ Reggie Williams and Fatdog. School supplies and back packs will be distributed to needy children ages 4K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Butler Park is located on Raleigh Street at Koon Street off N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. West Columbia Back-to-School Bash sponsors are:

West Columbia Community Advisory Committee

West Columbia Police Department

Palmetto Grand Lodge

SouthLand Knights M/C

Palmetto Elite AC/SC

378 Riders Motorcycle Club

Metro's Most Wanted M/C

Desirable Diamonds S/C

Jones Funeral Home

SC National Guard

So Icy Nation

Epiphany S/C

Royal Blend S/C

Pure Treasures S/C

Limited Edition S/C

Carolina Kittenz S/C



### Child Safety Critical During School Months

BC Grammar School will be opening its doors in a few days to start a new school year. As children begin to using the sidewalks and crossing streets to reach their school, motorists are reminded to be very watchful of these young students. School crossing guards are no longer stationed at intersections near the school. School speed zones are located at the intersection at Hook Avenue and Jarvis Klapman Boulevard and the intersection at Hook Avenue and Holland Street. Please use extreme caution at these intersections and residential streets near the school. Motorist also should observe school speed zones located in other parts of the city, especially on Sunset Boulevard (Hwy 378).

### Like the District 3 Newsletter?

You can always read the most recent edition of the District 3 newsletter on line at the city of West Columbia's website. Just access [www.westcolumbiasc.gov](http://www.westcolumbiasc.gov) and read the latest news and information for your district. You can sign up to receive the newsletter electronically by choosing **Sign Up to Receive Newsletters** by my picture on the council page. Special events and news items are located in the *What's Happening* section on the website's home page.

### Riverwalk Park to Be Dedicated to Mac Rish

The City of West Columbia will dedicate the West Columbia Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater to former mayor Wyman M. "Mac" Rish at 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2013. Mayor Rish was elected to city council in 1989. During his years on city council he first served as mayor pro-tem and then as mayor from 1991 until his death in 2003. Mayor Rish's leadership was instrumental in developing the Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater. His dream was making the Congaree River accessible to everyone.

After an outstanding military career, which included tours of duty in Vietnam, Mayor Rish returned to his hometown of West Columbia and entered politics by election to city council. Under Mayor Rish's guidance the city grew to be the second largest municipality in Lexington County. During his tenure, the city built a second water plant located on Lake Murray, Northside Middle School relocated into new facilities, and Tri-City Leisure Center and Howard Sports Complex were completed. Mayor Rish played a significant role in the development of Riverbanks Botanical Gardens in 1998, which is considered one of the premier facilities of its kind in South Carolina. Mayor Rish's greatest accomplishment was his leadership in transforming a kudzu entangled, densely overgrown inaccessible riverbank into the immensely popular and serenely beautiful West Columbia Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater that all people can enjoy today.

