



WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to be a part of the initial issue of a newsletter from City Hall which is designed to keep our residents current on issues affecting them. Over the past two years, our city has experienced considerable growth via annexations to a current population of 18,000 plus. Our city limits now extend westward along Sunset Boulevard to I-20 and West of I-26 along the Augusta Road corridor. In the State Street/Meeting Street area, two parks are currently under construction. One is located across from the Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater and is designed to accommodate children of all abilities. The other is located on Meeting Street and designed as an Interactive Art Park to include an open-air market for local artists. Both parks will include substantial parking.

We are blessed to have many natural resources on the West side of the Saluda and Congaree Rivers which our residents and visitors can access via the Riverwalk. The Amphitheater hosts music events in the Spring and Fall, all free and designed as family friendly.

West Columbia is the place to live, work, and raise a family, as well as do business. We have good schools; city utility rates among the lowest in South Carolina; a city government which is a "one stop shop" for new businesses; affordable housing; quick access to an award winning hospital; and we're minutes away from three interstate highways and the State Capital. Recently, I saw a hashtag which said, "TheWestSideIsTheBestSide", and I feel the same way.

Sincerely,
Bobby Horton, Honored to be your Mayor

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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



MIKE GREEN COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

Wilton Road dam update from SCDOT: HDR has been contracted to do the engineering work this summer. Work should begin this fall. SCDOT has made a commitment to have it open by the Fall of 2020. We have new eateries on Augusta Road! Nick's Gyros and Subs has opened and Bricks & Stones Pizza Company will be opening in July.



TEMUS C. "TEM" MILES, JR. MAYOR PRO-TEM, COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

We have a lot going on in District 4! The Interactive Art Park and Parking Lot will open in June as well a new dining option, Black Rooster, in Brookland. The Park for Children of all abilities is scheduled to open in late summer.



ERIN P. PORTER COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

The Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in our backyard! Enter off of Botanical Parkway to get a first look at the new Dinosaur Exhibit that opened over Memorial Day Weekend. Please follow the Saluda Gardens Homeowners Association Facebook Page for updates and information. Please feel free to call me at (803) 807-0573 if you need anything.



TREVOR BEDELL COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

In an attempt to slow down traffic on D Avenue for our residents, the city has worked hard with SCDOT planning to install a stop sign on D Ave at 16th street, as well as, stop sign reversals along 16th street. The Guignard Association meets the 2nd Monday of every month at the community center. If I can ever be of any assistance please call me at (803) 331-4866.



MICKEY PRINGLE COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Multiple agencies, organizations, and volunteers are coming together in the summer of 2019, with Next Steps Ministries, to do home repair, construction, and relational ministry in the Happy Town/Sugar Town community. Volunteers will be working from June - August 2019.



TEDDY WINGARD COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

Phase Two of the Flow Condominiums are slated to break ground in the coming months. Several beautification projects have been completed along Sunset Boulevard and Jarvis Klapman Boulevard with new plantings and clean ups. Look for more beautification efforts in the next planting season in the Fall.



CASEY J. HALLMAN COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

Register now for 4K, 5K, and 1st grade for the 2019-2020 school year. There are two ways to register: In person, from 7:30am-3pm, weekdays, at the Lexington Two elementary school in your attendance area or online at lex2.org. Click on 2019-2020 New Student Registration. Lexington Two is offering free summer meals to children ages 18 and younger, or ages 19 and older with a physical or mental disability. More info on lex2.org.



JIMMY BROOKS COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

The City, Lexington County, Town of Lexington, and SCDOT collaborated to update the traffic lights on Sunset Boulevard to move the flow of traffic, increasing efficiency, and giving the ability to activate the lights in the case of an emergency. They are slated to be installed in the coming year.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
ARE HELD EVERY MONTH
ON THE FIRST TUESDAY
AND THIRD MONDAY AT 6
PM AT CITY HALL**





SAVAGE CRAFT ALE WORKS PURCHASES HISTORIC CITY HALL



The City of West Columbia has closed on the sale of the property for the future Savage Craft Ale Works in West Columbia's River District area.

The brewery is scheduled to open in May of 2020 in the historic Brookland Fire Station/City Hall building at 430 Center Street. The project ties into West Columbia's Interactive Art Park on Meeting Street.

Savage Craft Ale Works will add to the revitalization of the River District, attracting additional patrons to enjoy the artisan, residential, and recreational offerings, such as the city's Interactive Art Park and Artisan Market at State and Meeting Streets, the Brookland Development, and the Enabling Park across from the Amphitheater and Riverwalk Park. Savage Craft Ale Works will blend with existing businesses to create a vibrant outdoor community space for visitors and residents.

PRIMAL GOURMET SET TO OPEN IN WEST COLUMBIA'S RIVER DISTRICT



Get ready for a new food experience in West Columbia. Primal Gourmet, at 725 Meeting Street, is preparing to open. Gregg Martin is the owner of the restaurant. Primal Gourmet is a unique concept on meals in the River District of West Columbia. The restaurant offers an eat-in, take-home, or pre-order menu. Primal Gourmet is in the former McGee Auction building. Features of the new location are: a cafe with quick service, the ability to design your own healthy lunch or dinner on the spot, a market featuring fresh produce, meats, seafood, dry goods, and locally sourced products all from South Carolina, coffee service, freshly made gluten-free products, cooking demonstrations and classes, and community and educational events. Primal Gourmet meals are nutritionally-sound and designed for any lifestyle. There is a smaller Primal Gourmet in Irmo, but Martin said the West Columbia location is larger and will feature a quick-grab menu for sit-down diners. "Because the West Columbia location is larger, we'll be able to offer more," said Martin. In addition to inside dining, there is an outside patio with tables and chairs. Look for Primal Gourmet to open in June/July!

"I look forward to toasting the future of our city with a Savage Craft Ale next Spring," said Mayor Pro-Tem Tem Miles.

City Administrator Brian Carter said, "City Council's extension of the TIF District in the State and Meeting Streets area in 2015 made revitalization in the area possible by funding public improvements supporting local businesses and residents. City Council continues to be visionary by holding standards high while making it easy to do business in West Columbia."

KINETIC DERBY DAY MOST PHOTOGENIC



Nine-year-old Marlee Shuping, from Conway, SC, won the Most Photogenic award at the 2nd Annual Kinetic Derby Day. Marlee is a big fan of Amelia Earhart and she decided to build a tribute to Amelia's first airplane, a Kinner Airster biplane she painted yellow and named "The Canary".

Marlee has helped design and build all parts of the Canary Car with Grandfather and team member Hamp Shuping.

NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA IS A BELOVED EATERY IN THE CITY



Nick's House of Pizza Restaurant has proudly served the West Columbia, Lexington, and Columbia areas since 1998. The menu at Nick's offers a wide variety for everyone's taste buds. The restaurant features daily lunch and dinner specials. Nick's specializes in authentic Greek and Italian dishes, including gyros, strombolis, and more than 15 different pasta dishes.

The goal at Nick's is to provide customers with the freshest, homemade selections at reasonable prices. Nick's is a family owned and operated business. So when you come in to enjoy the cuisine of one of West Columbia's most-loved dining experiences, the owners and the staff want you to feel like part of the family, too. Nick's asks you to come in today and join them for lunch or dinner, so you can find out for yourself just how delicious the food is at Nick's.

UPCOMING EVENTS

B AVENUE BIKE LANE

RIBBON CUTTING

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 6 PM

West Columbia Community Center - 754 B Avenue

City Council and Staff have been working with SCDOT to create the B Avenue Bike Lane that will create a lane on B Avenue for bikers to travel from the River District to the heart of West Columbia's Triangle City. It is now installed. Please join us, with your bike, for the ribbon cutting.

INTERACTIVE ART PARK

GRAND OPENING

JUNE/JULY

West Columbia's unique art park and parking lot will feature interactive sculptures created by local artists from around South Carolina. The Art on State Wall will feature new murals quarterly, as well as over 60 parking spaces to serve the River District area.

ENABLING PARK

GRAND OPENING

JULY

Designed with dignity, this first-class park for children of all abilities will feature a zip line, sensory areas, a covered pavilion, bathrooms, and over 70 parking spaces including handicap accessible spaces to service the park and Riverwalk.

ARTISAN MARKET

FALL 2019

Will be open on Saturday's, the market will feature local artists selling local wares including art, pottery, other handmade pieces, and a local farmers market.

VIEW ALL EVENTS AND
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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