



# City of West Columbia

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# WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



We have a lot going on in West Columbia!

We are overjoyed with the outstanding response at the Grand Opening of West Columbia's Interactive Art Park and the Meeting Street Artisan Market. The anticipation is building for the October opening of the World Class Carraway Park at the Riverwalk, A Place for All Children to Play Together. The construction of 190 new residences in the city has been announced with a new development being built off of Augusta Road. Save the date for Fall Back Fest, November 1, from 6-9 PM, on the 100 Block of State Street. There will be live mural painting in the street, the band Prettier than Matt will be playing, and businesses will be open late to sip, stroll, and shop! The City has launched an anti-littering campaign to keep our city clean. We are not taking littering lightly. If you are caught littering, you will be fined and you will have to complete community service hours of litter pick-up in the city.

City Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Please register to vote so you can participate in the election. Four of the eight council seats are up for election along with the Mayoral seat. Please take the time to become informed voters to assure the continued progress of our city for the benefit of all our citizens.

Our West Columbia Beautification Foundation raised over \$54,000 at the Tribute for Trees event held in September. The funds will go to planting trees around West Columbia. The Foundation has already planted trees along the Sunset Boulevard Corridor and will be planting more from Meeting Street to Augusta Road towards Lexington. For more information about the Foundation, go to [beautifywestcolumbia.org](http://beautifywestcolumbia.org).

Sincerely,  
Bobby Horton, Honored to be your Mayor

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## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



### MIKE GREEN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We have a lot of new businesses opening in our district. Mardel Christian & Education Store opened in the BiLo Plaza on Augusta Road next to Hobby Lobby this month. True Pharmacy opened on Charleston Highway. Bricks and Stones Pizza Company opened a few months ago on Augusta Road. SCDOT is holding a Public Information Meeting for the Safety Improvements Project along US 1 on 10/1, 5-7 PM, Lexington 2 Community Education Center, 114 Hook Avenue, West Columbia.



### TEMUS C. "TEM" MILES, JR.

#### MAYOR PRO-TEM, COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

The Interactive Art Park and Meeting Street Artisan Market opened in September. The Park features eight sculptures created by local artists as well as two murals on the Art on State Wall, and the Alleyway on State Mural. The market will be open every Saturday and feature local artists and vendors. Carraway Park at the Riverwalk, A Place for All Children to Play Together, will open in October.



### ERIN P. PORTER

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

Boo at the Zoo begins on October 18 and runs through October 30, more information can be found at [riverbanks.org](http://riverbanks.org). Please follow the Saluda Gardens Homeowners Association Facebook Page for updates and information. Our next meeting is on October 15, at 6:30 PM, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Feel free to call me at (803) 807-0573, if you need anything.



### TREVOR BEDELL

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

The city has launched a proactive anti-littering campaign. Let's all make a difference and pick up litter when we see it. I hope everyone has gotten accustomed to the four way stop sign on D Avenue, as well as the sign reversals on 16th Street. The traffic has drastically slowed down in the neighborhood. The Guignard Association meets the 2nd Monday of every month. If I can be of any assistance, call me at (803) 331-4866. I look forward to continuing to serve you all.



### MICKEY PRINGLE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

City Council voted to fund goal posts for the West Columbia AAU Football Teams' field at the Lakeview Empowerment Center on Batchelor Street. We have four teams that play at the field. The League brings in families from around the state to play in our District. The West Columbia AAU Program offers Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Baseball, and Soccer. Games are on Saturdays.



### TEDDY WINGARD

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

The Meeting Street Artisan Market is now open every Saturday, from 9 AM - 1 PM, through November 23, in the Interactive Art Park, at 425 Meeting Street. The Fall Rhythm on the River FREE Concert Series at the Amphitheater begins September 27, and runs every Friday night, from 6-9 PM, through October. The City is providing free Shuttle Service, from 5-10 PM, for the concerts. Carraway Park at the Riverwalk is set to open in October.



### CASEY J. HALLMAN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The adaptive traffic signal equipment has been installed on traffic signals along Sunset Boulevard from I-20 to Whippoorwill Drive. Over the next few weeks the system will be placed into "detector mode" which will gather data on the traffic patterns and assist system operators in developing a signal timing strategy prior to being placed into operation. Adaptive signalization will increase the efficiency of traffic traveling along Sunset Boulevard and provide a higher level of service for emergency vehicles accessing the hospital.



### JIMMY BROOKS

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

We have been working to clean up areas around the city, by implementing a blight removal plan, installing trash and recycling cans in public spaces, and launching an anti-littering campaign. Anyone caught littering will have to participate in community service cleanup through a partnership with Keep the Midlands Beautiful. We are hosting a Fall Cleanup Day on October 26. More information will go out in October. We are also launching a recycling awareness campaign to cut down on the contamination that we are sending to the recycling center.

JOIN US AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS!

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY  
WORK SESSION: 3RD MONDAY**

**6 PM**

**CITY HALL**



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## DEVELOPER JOE TAYLOR SEES POTENTIAL FOR INVESTMENT IN WEST COLUMBIA



One of the state's top developers is very excited about the opportunities to invest in West Columbia. Joe Taylor is the former S.C. Secretary of Commerce and owner of State Street Development Co. He is involved in several projects in West Columbia.

Taylor has plans to develop approximately four acres of property around Center Street in the River District. The development will include 34 single-family homes with parking spaces, and a pocket park on Herman Street.

### JARRETT'S JUNGLE MARKS 40 YEARS IN WEST COLUMBIA

Jarrett's Jungle has been doing business in West Columbia for 40 years.

"We've taken the best and most-colorful out of the jungle and brought it to West Columbia," said Jackie Macaulay, owner of Jarrett's Jungle and Garden Center at 1621 Sunset Blvd.

"We love doing business in West Columbia, it's the best. There is no better location than right here," she said. Jarrett's Jungle is a locally owned and operated greenhouse and florist. Manager Brandon Davis is a horticulturist. He is always on-site to offer customer service and knowledge. To the plant lover, it's paradise. "We appreciate the support from the West Columbia community over the years," said Davis.

Jarrett's Jungle has earned its reputation as a center

Another of Taylor's projects is a new Class A office building coming to 508 Meeting Street. Renovation is also underway on a building at 1205 D Avenue in Triangle City. Taylor is creating a new flex space. The 1960s structure will be an upgrade and will set the tone for commercial revitalization of near-by properties. Taylor has revitalized office space on State Street and built a storage facility on Center Street.



for quality plants and service. It features tropical and blooming plants. Macaulay said the business is known for its unusual flower arrangements, including ikebana, a Japanese flower arranging technique from Hawaii. Jarrett's Jungle can also design and prepare wedding flowers, casket sprays, and funeral wreaths. It has a large selection of blooming plants for a display that will brighten the home or the office. There are house plants for all environments.

### MCGUINN SAYS HOME BUILDING IS IN HIGH DEMAND IN WEST COLUMBIA



A top builder says there is a high demand for homes in West Columbia.

"West Columbia is in a great location for entertainment, cultural activities, and nightlife," said Wade McGuinn, of McGuinn Hybrid Homes.

"With all of the revitalization that is going on, West Columbia is the beneficiary. People are discovering West Columbia as a great place to live."

McGuinn recently completed construction of the Harvest Glenn subdivision off of Leaphart Road in West Columbia. There are 80 houses in the subdivision. All of the homes in

it were sold almost as soon as the project was finished. "It's a hot market," McGuinn said. "People want houses in West Columbia." He said it's close to the University of South Carolina, Colonial Life Area, EdVenture, the South Carolina State Museum, and the Waterfall Junction/Botanical Gardens entrance of the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

McGuinn has been building houses in the area for 34 years. He said any properties he builds in West Columbia are sold "very quickly." We have been successful in West Columbia," he said.

McGuinn said there is a challenge to find land to build on in West Columbia. And for good reason.

"There are no bad projects in West Columbia," he said. McGuinn also said the economy is good for buyers.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hall/Sanitation: 803-791-1880

Police Department: 803-794-0721

Fire Department: 803-791-4440

Code Compliance Hotline: 803-794-3506 Ext. 805

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FALL RHYTHM ON THE RIVER

#### CONCERT SERIES

EVERY FRIDAY STARTING 9/27

THROUGH 10/25, 6-9 PM

More info: [cwcchamber.com](http://cwcchamber.com)

Free to attend.

### MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 23

EVERY SATURDAY

The market features local artists selling local wares including art, pottery, handmade pieces, and a local farmers market. Park in West Columbia's unique art park featuring interactive sculptures created by local artists from around South Carolina. The Art on State Wall features new murals quarterly. Currently Artist Karl Larsen and Christine Lutfy's work are featured. Contact Colleen Otte at [cotte@westcolumbiasc.gov](mailto:cotte@westcolumbiasc.gov) to participate.

### CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

OCTOBER 26, 2019

9 AM - 12 PM, City Hall & Around the City

Includes Prescription Drug Take Back, Fall Plant Sale, Shred Day, Litter Pickup, and Fall Garden Planting

### CARRAWAY PARK AT THE RIVERWALK - RIBBON CUTTING

OCTOBER 2019 - DATE TBD

Hudson Street Adjacent to the Riverwalk

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.

### FALL BACK FEST

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

6 PM - 9 PM, 100 Block of State Street

Featuring Prettier Than Matt and 10 local artists painting live on the street. Save the Date! Stroll, Shop, and Sip on State.

**VIEW ALL EVENTS AND SIGN-UP FOR E-NEWS**

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