CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA
NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The City of West Columbia continues to thrive during the coronavirus pandemic. Our City Council has been hard at work, through virtual meetings, to continue the progress in economic development momentum that was picking up over the past few years. We are continuing to work with our local partners to recruit new businesses to our area. Our local housing market is booming with more and more young families moving to the area.

We are looking forward to the Fall, as we are praying the numbers go down and life begins to return to a new normal. Our local restaurants and businesses need our support more than ever. Please think local as you begin to venture out for school supplies, home décor, and fall renovations.

Look out for new plantings by our Beautification Foundation and submit your neighbor for the Foundation's Yard of the Month.

Our website, westcolumbiasc.gov, social media, and our email list serve are the best way to stay informed on the latest information and ongoings in the city. If I can be of service, I am always available at (803) 351-8754.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

MIKE GREEN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We are excited about new services available to our seniors through the Senior Rides Program that pair dedicated volunteers with people in need of transportation, allowing those in need to access medical care, groceries, worship services, and more. Visit volunteerdriver.org or call 833-653-6544 for more information. Continue to support our local businesses and restaurants through take-out, dine-in, and shopping local.

TREVOR BEDELL

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

As we near the end of summer I hope that all of you have adapted to the necessary changes in our everyday lives due to COVID-19. I hope the impact of our mandatory mask ordinance has not impacted you in a negative way. The decision was made after compelling facts from the CEO of Lexington Medical Center. It was necessary to get our lives somewhat back to normal and our children back in school. Please stay safe and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance at 803-331-4866 or tbedell@westcolumbiasc.gov.

CASEY J. HALLMAN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The West Columbia Dog Park continues to move forward with the coordination of permitting through Dominion Energy and Santee Cooper. City Staff is working with local schools to create art sculptures for installation throughout the dog park.

JOSEPH DICKEY

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Progress has been blossoming in our River District Area! The St. Ann's Alley project, Savage Craft Ale Works, renovations to the fronts of many storefronts along State Street, and the completed office space on Meeting Street continue to bring new life to our district. The River District Phase Two Parking Project is complete, which includes additional parking near Alexander Road for access to the Riverwalk. The Meeting Street Artisan Market is open, every Saturday, in our Interactive Art Park on Meeting Street. Please stop by (masks required) to support our local artisans.

MICKEY PRINGLE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

A Back-To-School Supply Giveaway is being held on August 22, from 11 AM - 1 PM, at Turner AME Church, for school children for the upcoming year. The Lakeview Empowerment Center continues to distribute food to school age children, every Monday, from 9 AM - 12 PM.

JIMMY BROOKS

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

Thank you to all of our City employees for their dedication and hard work always but especially throughout the pandemic. Call me anytime at 864-630-9854.

ERIN P. PORTER

COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

I hope everyone has had a good summer. As back to school time grows closer I wanted to let you know that East Point Academy is offering On-Campus or Off-Campus programs for 20/21 in grades 5K-8, and a 4K program which is On-Campus only. East Point is a tuition free public charter school in West Columbia that provides academic rigor, Mandarin proficiency, and character development. Also check out the Saluda Gardens Facebook page for updates and food truck schedules. Please let me know if I can be of assistance 803-807-0573.

DAVID MOYE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

Even though there is division in national politics, West Columbia City Council and Mayor are united in making West Columbia the best it can be for the next generation.

CONSTRUCTION OF SAVAGE CRAFT ALE WORKS CONTINUES WITH PLANS TO OPEN IN OCTOBER

Site of Savage Craft Ale Works, Center Street.

One of the most anticipated projects in West Columbia is on schedule to come to fruition in October 2020.

Savage Craft Ale Works will be housed in several renovated historic structures, including the former West Columbia (1925) City Hall and Fire Station, at 430 Center Street. The project ties into West Columbia's new Interactive Art Park on Meeting Street. In the Old City Hall/Fire House. The fire engine bays and side windows have been reopened and the floors have been redone.

The existing two-story, 3,000 square-foot structure is being converted into a taproom on the ground floor in the space of the former fire station. The former city hall space on the second floor will be restored and used for private dining and meeting space.

A new 5,000 square-foot addition off the back of the building will provide additional room for the microbrewery vats and a rooftop terrace. The terrace will overlook a beer garden, fire pit, and sound stage for outdoor music.

The project includes the renovation of the 1908 historic New Brookland Jail. The former jail will serve as the kitchen for Savage Craft Ale Works.

PANADERIA ODALYS BAKERY, PROVIDING TASTY BREAD, PASTRY IN WEST COLUMBIA FOR 15 YEARS

Jose Cervantes, owner of Panaderia Odalys.

Walk into Panaderia Odalys and smell the fresh-baked bread. Owner Jose Cervantes cooks the bread for the bakery onsite, at 103 D, N. 12th Street, in the 12th Street Plaza, West Columbia.

"The community has received us very well," said Jose. He opened in 2005. Through the years, more bakeries have opened, and there is more competition, but Panaderia Odalys thrives because of the product.

"We offer high-quality here," said Jose. The bakery offers cakes, bread, and pastries.

Bolillo is one of the specialties. It is a type of savory bread traditionally made in Mexico. Another favorite of the store is concha. Concha is a traditional Mexican sweet bread roll. Conchas are round, striped, and look like a seashell. It is a sweetened bread roll with a crunchy topping.

Other delights available at Panaderia Odalys are polvoron and churros. Polvoron is a type of heavy, soft, and crumbly Spanish shortbread. It is made of flour, sugar, milk, and nuts (usually almonds). A churro is a fried-dough pastry, like string, with a sweet filling.

Jose said his customers love his shop and it is why they have kept coming over the past 15 years. He said he loves doing business in West Columbia.

Jose learned to cook, at age 15, in Mexico. He was taught by his brothers. His brothers have bakeries in North Carolina. Jose is the only one in his family who has a bakery in South Carolina.

Jose is in his shop every day, cooking fresh bread and adding diversity to the food options for the residents and visitors of West Columbia.

WEST COLUMBIA REAL ESTATE HIGHLY DESIRABLE

Melissa Sprouse Browne of SC Realty

West Columbia is a great place to live and the real estate market is red hot.

"The West Columbia market is very busy," said real estate agent Melissa Sprouse Browne, of SC Realty. She also owns the Real Estate School of South Carolina.

She has been selling real estate for more than 20 years, and she has never seen so much activity.

Spouse Browne said many West Columbia home sellers are getting multiple offers for their property.

"One of my clients received 13 offers for his house and all of the offers were for more than the list price," said Sprouse Brown. "It's a lot of fun going through the offers and picking the best one."

Sprouse Browne said West Columbia is a desirable market because there are so many amenities available to residents. The city sits on the Congaree River with easy access to the river from the West Columbia Riverwalk Park.

In addition to the Riverwalk, Sprouse Browne said there are so many public parks, including the Carraway Park at the Riverwalk, and the Interactive Art Park on Meeting Street, that lure a buyer.

"There is a lot of development in the business community. The River District is booming, the Lexington Two schools, and the proximity to regions' attractions are attracting buyers. People want what to be right here," she said.

Other factors that draw interest are the availability and location of award-winning medical facilities and healthcare providers as well as the lower tax rates and cost of living. The City of West Columbia provides one of the lowest costs for water in the state and the sanitation services are included.

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