

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fall is in the air and we are continuing to forge ahead through the pandemic. Our Interactive Art Park gained a new sculpture in October. The piece, "T-Rex", was created by a West Columbia artist, Thomas Humphries, and can be found behind Terra near the Meeting Street side of the park. Our Meeting Street Artisan Market, held every Saturday from 9 AM – 1 PM, continues to grow with different local artists and creators. Stop by and shop and check out all of the other local art pieces in the park.

New businesses are opening throughout the city on Sunset Boulevard, the River District, and Augusta Road. Our locally owned stores and restaurants need your support. Make sure to shop locally when doing your holiday shopping. If you have not responded to the census already, visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)

before October 31 and respond, so that federal funding can be properly allocated to our schools, roads, and other public services to continue making West Columbia the place to live, work, and play.

The West Columbia Police Department is holding a Drug Take-Back on October 24, from 10 AM – 2 PM, at Walgreens on Charleston Highway, Medicine Mart on Sunset Boulevard, BI-LO on Augusta Road, and at City Hall on 12th Street. Bring your unused prescription drugs for proper disposal. Also on October 24, the City is holding a Recycling Day at City Hall, from 9 AM – 12 PM, for you to bring your electronics, paint, and batteries. Our State Street merchants have come together to hold First Friday in November and December, where the shops stay open until 9 PM for visitors to shop and dine on the 100-300 blocks of State Street.

As a reminder, our mask ordinance is in effect through November 1. Please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands, and wear your mask. We will all get through this together.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

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[WestColumbiaSC.gov](https://WestColumbiaSC.gov)

## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



**MIKE GREEN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We have a new doggy day care in the City, Central Bark, on 2931 Augusta Road. New businesses are opening along the Augusta Road corridor. Please remember to

support your local established and new restaurants and shops. Contact me with any questions or concerns.



**TREVOR BEDELL**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

Fall is officially here! Days are getting shorter, leaves are falling, and temperatures are dropping. With this year's most unusual spring and summer, we are

especially looking forward to the change of seasons. Please continue to pitch in and pick up litter where you see it. If you have any issues or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at 803-331-4866 or [tbedell@westcolumbiasc.gov](mailto:tbedell@westcolumbiasc.gov).



**CASEY J. HALLMAN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The City has different resources available for our seniors. Seniors can contact our sanitation department, at 803-791-1880, to fill

out a request for special garbage pickup. The non-profit Feonix Mobility Rising provides transportation to seniors over 50 years old. To setup a ride, call 888-851-2131, or go to [feonixride.aarp.org](https://feonixride.aarp.org).



**JOSEPH DICKEY**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Construction on Savage Craft Ale Works continues to progress with an expected opening of December 2020. The St. Ann's Alley project now has move-in ready homes in the heart

of the River District. Take a drive by the Community Center, on B Avenue, to check out the newly added tree that was donated by the Boyd Family. Stay safe and wear your mask.



**MICKEY PRINGLE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Our Fall Recycling Day is Saturday, October 24, at City Hall, from 9 AM - 12 PM, 200 N. 12th Street. Bring discarded electronics, paint, and batteries. It is also Prescription Drug

Take-Back Day at four locations in the City, from 10 AM - 2 PM. The locations are: Walgreens on Charleston Highway, Bi-Lo at 2349 Augusta Road, Medicine Mart at Sunset Boulevard, and City Hall.



**JIMMY BROOKS**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

We welcomed Dunkin' to Sunset Boulevard across from Lexington Medical Center, in September. Stop by and support our new business and keep an eye out for the other

new businesses opening along Sunset Boulevard. If anyone needs anything, please call me anytime at 864-630-9854.



**ERIN P. PORTER**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

The Mohawk Drive residents invite the community for a neighborhood Trunk or Treat, October 24th, from 1-3 PM, on Mohawk Drive. Please watch out for our children and take

an alternate route if possible during this time. The City does not regulate Trick or Treating in neighborhoods, so if you wish to participate on October 31st, in Saluda Gardens, please leave your porch light on. Be on the lookout for upcoming community events by following the Saluda Gardens Facebook page to stay up to date. Call me with any questions or concerns 803-807-0573. Follow the Saluda Gardens Facebook page for the latest information about our district.



**DAVID MOYE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

West Columbia neighborhoods are getting more popular than ever! To keep us moving forward, we are exploring ways to ensure high quality, aesthetically pleasing, community focused new development and renovations.

(803) 791-1880

200 N. 12TH STREET, WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

## WEST COLUMBIA'S CREATIVE SEWING MACHINE CENTER HAS BUILT A NATIONAL REPUTATION



**Charlene Meetz, Jennifer White, Heike Walker, Peggy Ledford, Brittney Harrell**

and college students. They find out about Creative Sewing Center and are sure to schedule a stop in West Columbia to see all that the business has to offer. They also sell software, books, and specialty thread, and offer training classes in the store as well.

Creative Sewing Machine Center has a reputation in the industry and was recognized as the number one Baby Lock sewing machine store in the nation in 2012, ahead of more than 700 stores. Peggy calls it the "go-to" spot for those who sew.

"All of our staff members are experienced sewers who can help answer your questions," Peggy said. "We also have a factory-trained technician to repair all brands of sewing machines."

The staff has been busy. The coronavirus crisis resulted in an increase in business for Creative Sewing Machine Center. Peggy opened the store with her husband Russ, who died in 2015. She said she and her one-dozen employees have a great relationship with the City of West Columbia.

"Those who quilt and sew are good people, with generous souls. It takes a lot of heart," said Peggy.

Creative Sewing Machine Center has become an institution in West Columbia's Triangle City.

"We have customers who come in from all over the United States," said owner Peggy Ledford. "We stock everything you need for quilting, embroidery, and heirloom sewing."

Creative Sewing Machine Center has been in business for over 20 years and is housed in an 18,000 square foot retail facility at 517 12th Street. They offer Baby Lock and Janome brand sewing and embroidery machines, with a 5,000-bolt inventory of fabric, including the latest top name designs.

Peggy said there are a lot of families with quilters and sewers who attend graduations at Fort Jackson and visit the area's universities

## CASA OAXACA MEXICAN RESTAURANT OFFERS A TASTE OF SPECIALIZED DISHES IN WEST COLUMBIA



**Elana, Artemio, Matteo, Hadasa, and Stephanie Borinios**

fried, or toasted tortilla. Tlayuda is covered with a spread of refried beans, lettuce or cabbage, avocado, chicken, beef tenderloin or pork, Oaxaca cheese, and salsa. Artemio said it is like a large pizza, but with the toppings above.

Casa Oaxaca is also known for its mole, both red and black. Mole is the combination of ingredients such as chile rojo and negro, chile mulato, chile pasilla, burnt tortilla, peanuts, raisins, pumpkin seeds, and chocolate, making the dish unique.

Artemio said he has come to know many different people in West Columbia through the restaurant. He enjoys doing business in the community and appreciates the support. He welcomes residents to come in and sample the unique taste of Oaxaca.

"Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah) is a state in Southern Mexico," said Artemio Borinios. He owns the restaurant with his wife, Elana Gonzales. Casa Oaxaca specializes in dishes from his home region of his native country of Mexico.

Since opening the restaurant over five years ago, Artemio said the family has worked to develop a loyal clientele. Artemio and Elana have three children, Stephanie, Hadasa, and Matteo. They come in on the weekends, along with Pablo, Artemio's brother, to help at the restaurant.

The customers of Casa Oaxaca come in for the Tlayuda. It is an Oaxacan dish that is handmade with a large, thin, crunchy, partly

## THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES WITH ITS DELICIOUS SOUTHERN COOKING MAKES YOU FEEL AT HOME



**Gil Brand, Owner of The Original Brunches**

"I like to cook, and I always wanted a restaurant like this," Gil said. He also said he did not change anything.

The Original Brunches is a place filled with friends and family. The moment you walk in, you are welcomed with the smell of classic Southern dishes like shrimp and grits, country fried steak, fried catfish, and a wide range of breakfast and lunch options made from scratch with fresh, local ingredients.

"Restaurant hours are from 6 AM until 2:30-ish," said Gil. They are open Tuesday through Sunday. When things slow down, and everyone has eaten, Gil said he closes for the day.

He also said the reason for the success of The Original Brunches is no secret. "Our special ingredient is the love for our West Columbia community."

The Original Brunches is known for Southern-style cooking and hospitality.

"We're a local mom and pop spot," said owner Gil Brand. "We want our customers to come in and feel at home."

It is a breakfast and lunch eatery at 2245 Leaphart Road, right off Augusta Road in West Columbia.

Gil said before he bought Brunches, he learned of it from his parents, Linda and Frank Brand.

"They loved this place," he said. Gil's dad passed away, but his mother invited him in for lunch about two years ago. Gil ended up buying the place from Stacy Barfield, who had owned it for 13 years.

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

**MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET**  
9 AM - 1 PM, 425 MEETING STREET  
EVERY SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 24: PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK**  
10 AM - 2 PM, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**OCTOBER 24: RECYCLING DAY**  
9 AM - 12 PM, CITY HALL, 200 N. 12TH STREET

**STATE & MEETING MERCHANTS:**  
**1ST FRIDAYS ON STATE**  
NOVEMBER 6, DECEMBER 4: 6 PM - 9 PM

**DECEMBER 4: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
6:30 PM, CITY HALL LAWN, 200 N. 12TH STREET

## SUPPORT LOCAL

### #EATLOCAL

**ARIANA'S RESTAURANT**  
**BLACK ROOSTER**  
**BRICKS AND STONES PIZZA COMPANY**  
**BUTTERCREAM DREAMS**  
**CAFE STRUDEL WEST COLUMBIA**  
**CHINA HUT III**  
**COMPTON'S KITCHEN**  
**DELUCCA'S ITALIAN GRILL**  
**EGGROLL STATION**  
**GRECIAN GARDENS RESTAURANT**  
**GROUCHO'S DELI**  
**HITE'S BBQ**  
**JIMMY'S MINI MART/CITGO**  
**JIN JIN CHINESE RESTAURANT**  
**LIZARD'S THICKET**  
**MAI THAI CUISINE**  
**MANNY'S**  
**MAURICE'S PIGGIE PARK**  
**MONTERREY MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
**NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN**  
**NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA**  
**PALATE**  
**PARKLAND CAKES**  
**PRIMAL GOURMET KITCHEN + MARKET**  
**STEVE'S DELI**  
**RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!**  
**THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES**  
**TRUE BBQ**  
**ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA**

### #SHOPLOCAL

**763 ANTIQUE MALL**  
**ATTIC FANATIC**  
**CHERRY'S DELIGHT**  
**COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY**  
**ED'S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE**  
**GLASSIE LADIES**  
**JAK'S ESSENTIALS**  
**JARRETT'S JUNGLE**  
**MEETING STREET INTERIORS**  
**MESSIE'S CLOSET**  
**OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL**  
**PINEVIEW FLORIST AND GIFTS, LLC**  
**ROB SHAW GALLERY AND FRAMING**  
**SIGHTLER'S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE**  
**SPA 131**  
**STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY**  
**STONE BOOT COMPANY**  
**THE ECLECTIC HOUSE**  
**THE WAREHOUSE**  
**THREE OAKS FLORIST AND INTERIORS**  
**THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES**  
**TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY**

