

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2021



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The City of West Columbia held its first city-wide litter pick-up day on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Over 270 volunteers came to the Community Garden, at City Hall, to disperse to their assigned locations throughout the city. Representatives from Keep the Midlands Beautiful, the West Columbia Beautification Foundation, the Cayce-West Columbia Junior Chamber, and Palmetto Pride had tables providing the community with more information.

Littering is a community problem and it is wonderful that our community came together to help clean up the community. Together, we picked up over one and half tons of litter and 25 tires (pictured to the right).

The Community Garden has been planted for the Spring. In June, green bell, yellow bell, jalapenos, cayenne, and habenero peppers, egg plant, sweet peas, tomatoes, squash, zucchini, and watermelon will be ready for harvest. We invite our residents to come and pick what they need.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.



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## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



**MIKE GREEN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

City Council and staff have been working on the fiscal year budget for 2021-2022. It will go up for first reading in June. Lexington County is offering rent assistance

to those in need, due to the pandemic, through funds available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for low- to moderate-income families throughout Lexington County in an effort to help offset the financial hardships of job loss, loss of working hours and loss of income caused by the pandemic.



**TREVOR BEDELL**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

West Columbia has a lot of outdoor activities! Checkout our parks, the B Avenue Bike Lane, the West Columbia Riverwalk, tube or kayak on the river, or grab a bite to eat

and a drink at Savage Craft Ale Works or WeCo Bottle & Biergarten.



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

West Columbia is home to at least nine Little Free Libraries. To find the closest location to you to add or swap a book, go to [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org). Little Free Libraries were first

started in 2007 as a way to provide 24/7 access to books in areas where books were scarce.



**JOSEPH DICKEY**

### COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Please let me know if there is interest in providing a venue for our residents to participate in a Public Safety (Police & Fire) forum or event. We welcomed Gentleman's Quarters Barbershop to our District with their Grand Opening in April! The Meeting Street Artisan Market has been a huge success! Thank you to all who have participated as vendors and to our City staff for their hard work promoting this fun event each weekend in our City. As graduation approaches, I would like to recognize some of our Seniors in West Columbia! If you have an outstanding student who is graduating in 2021, please send their information and photo to me at [jdickey@westcolumbiasc.gov](mailto:jdickey@westcolumbiasc.gov). Let's keep in mind that the days are getting longer and children are getting out of school. Please be extra cautious as you are driving!



**MICKEY PRINGLE**

### COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Turner Memorial AME Church provides hot lunch daily for those in need, every Monday through Friday, from 12 PM - 1 PM. While driving on N. 12th Street, make sure to keep

up with the latest updates at the Brookland Empowerment Center, on their new digital sign installed on the corner of Batchelor Street and N. 12th Street.



**JIMMY BROOKS**

### COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

West Columbia's Spring Litter Pick-up day was a huge success! Over 270 volunteers came out to pickup over a ton of trash around the city. Thank you to the volunteers, city

staff, and the West Columbia Beautification Foundation for your hard work. Call me anytime at 864-630-9854.



**ERIN P. PORTER**

### COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

As the weather warms up, let's get outside and enjoy what West Columbia has to offer. Plan a day at Riverbanks, book a trip down the river with Palmetto Outdoors, enjoy

the Artisan Market on Saturdays, walk, bike or run the Riverwalk, meet for a meal at one of our local restaurants or breweries, make a play date for the kids at Carraway Park, grab an ice cream cone at Zesto.

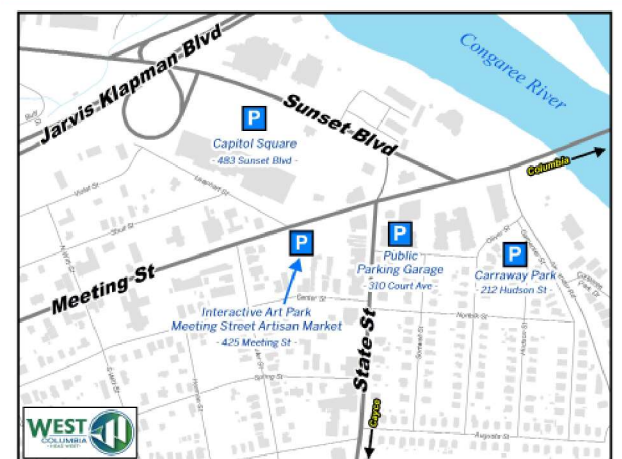


**DAVID MOYE**

### COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

State Street has been re-stripped to add defined parallel parking spaces from Terra past Cafe Strudel. The turning lane heading East towards Columbia has been modified, and a painted "median" has been added.

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880

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



## PALMETTO OUTDOOR PREPARES FOR A SEASON OF TUBING TRIPS DOWN THE CONGAREE RIVER



Michael Mayo gets ready for a tubing trip on the Congaree River.

Palmetto Outdoors opened in 2006. Since then, Mayo said the City of West Columbia's investment in access to the river has spawned one of the most successful eco-tourism outfitters in the state.

"As we begin another year of tubing on the river, I'm confident we will book a lot of business," Mayo said.

Mayo also said Palmetto Outdoors has evolved from an entity that once just offered tubing trips to an introductory course on West Columbia and all it has to offer.

"People come to tube down the river, but once they get here, they want to stay in our hotels, eat at our restaurants, and shop at our retailers."

Because of the success of Palmetto Outdoor, Mayo is working on plans to expand trip options to more sections of the Congaree River.

"Right now, our tubing trips end at the West Columbia Riverwalk. We hope to offer a tubing trip that originates in West Columbia, too," Mayo said.

Regardless of specifics, Mayo sees a bright future.

"I fully believe in the City of West Columbia and the vision of its leaders," he said.

## MANNY'S HAS BECOME A TOP DESTINATION FOR THAT SCRUMPTIOUS TREAT IN WEST COLUMBIA



Manny's dedicated staff.

A trip to Manny's puts a smile on any kid's face. A lot of adults love Manny's, too.

Manny's, at 1228 Augusta Road, in West Columbia, features shaved ice, smoothies, ice cream, milkshakes, fruit cocktail, chicharron preparado, corn in a cup, corn on the cob, and more.

What is now Manny's, was established in 2011 when Jose Manuel Vargas operated a truck that sold shaved ice.

"We moved to Augusta Road in 2017," said Vargas. "That's when we began to attract a base of regulars. Some come every week. And every week we see new customers, too."

Vargas said his tenure as a business owner in West Columbia has

been pleasant.

"I like doing business in West Columbia," he said. He also said he sees growth.

"West Columbia is gaining a lot more business. I'm seeing new restaurants and stores opening," Vargas said. "There is more attention here. There is an environment for growth and the city is blossoming."

Over the years, Manny's has grown too. It has a staff of six. The menu has expanded in the last four years as well. One of Manny's favorite and unique offerings, said Vargas, is the elote revolcado. It consists of corn on the cob, with cotija cheese, crumbled chips, and your sauce of choice, including jalapeno, BBQ, or chipotle. It is a must-try.

## MEETING STREET INTERIORS IS THE PLACE FOR NEW, VINTAGE, AND ANTIQUE FURNISHINGS



Meeting Street Interiors, 614 Meeting Street

Meeting Street Interiors is the epitome of elegance in home décor. It has been at 614 Meeting Street, West Columbia, since 1998.

"We've seen it grow," said Marion Scott, "a lot is happening in West Columbia."

Marion owns Meeting Street Interiors with his wife, Pam. He calls the business her brainchild. Marion describes Meeting Street Interiors as a multi-merchant store that specializes in quality, new, vintage and antique home furnishings and gifts. It also offers home design services by Interior Designer Tim Brown.

Meeting Street Interiors has a great selection of unique mirrors and chandeliers, among many other antiques and décor items for the

home. There is history in the building as well. The business is housed in a structure that was once a quadruplex, built-in 1938.

"We renovated it," said Marion, including the floors, the walls, and the ceilings. The stately, re-done home, is the perfect setting for the antiques, vintage furniture, and the new modern classics it offers.

"If you need a one-of-a-kind statement piece or pieces to refresh the look of your family room we can help," said Marion. He also said Meeting Street Interiors offers its customers a rotating mix of merchandise. With so much new construction going on in West Columbia, Meeting Street Interiors is in the right place.

"For a while, we have been able to see it coming our way," Marion said. "There is so much going on, and we are glad to be a part of it."

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

### MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET EVERY SATURDAY

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, 425 MEETING STREET

### 5TH ANNUAL ART ON STATE FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

5 PM - 10 PM, 100 BLOCK OF STATE STREET  
LIVE MUSIC, LIVE ART, FOOD, & FUN  
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### 5TH ANNUAL TASTE ON THE RIVER TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

6 PM - 9 PM, STONE RIVER, 121 ALEXANDER ROAD  
RESTAURANT TASTINGS, SILENT AUCTION  
\$75 PER PERSON, INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS  
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## VISIT WECO

### #EATLOCAL

AL'S UPSTAIRS  
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  
NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN  
NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA  
PALATE  
PARKLAND CAKES  
PRIMAL GOURMET KITCHEN + MARKET  
RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!  
SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
STEVE'S DELI  
SUNSHINE CAFE  
THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES  
TRUE BBQ  
ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA

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ATTIC FANATIC  
CHERRY'S DELIGHT  
COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY  
ED'S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE  
FURNITURE ON SUNSET  
GOLD LINE FRAMING  
GLASSIE LADIES  
JAK'S ESSENTIALS  
JARRETT'S JUNGLE  
MEETING STREET INTERIORS  
MESSIE'S CLOSET  
OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL  
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  
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