

CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We look forward to putting this pandemic behind us. To do so, we must get vaccinated so that life can go back to normal. Students have returned to school, in person, and we would like for them to stay in school, not in quarantine. The Delta variant of this virus is affecting our younger population and we need to protect our youth, especially those under the age of 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine.

The COVID-19 Pandemic is very real and continues to affect many of our West Columbia families and friends. Our award-winning Lexington Medical Center administration and staff continue to provide exceptional care. However, the doctors and nurses can only do so much, and the hospitals are almost at capacity. Do your part. I urge you to get vaccinated and encourage your loved ones to do so as well.

Please be patient with our sanitation staff. They continue to work very hard, around the clock, including Saturdays, to provide the quality services to which you are accustomed. However, we are seeing more cases of COVID and more people caring for loved ones in the sanitation department than ever before, leaving less staff to run the sanitation routes.

Wash your hands, get vaccinated, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



MIKE GREEN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

If you see a pothole, please report it by calling 1-855-GO-SCDOT (855-467-2368) or submit the information to their website at scdot.org/workrequest.

Call me with any concerns at 803-563-8085.



TREVOR BEVELL

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. As it comes to a close and Fall begins, let's remember how far we have come throughout the COVID pandemic. Many of us have

lost loved ones, school was a challenge, meetings were a challenge, and we long for the days of life being back to normal. Let's all continue to do our part to stay safe and healthy as we enter the Fall.



CASEY J. HALLMAN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

Plans for the West Columbia Dog Park on Augusta Road are advancing through the approval process with the regulatory agencies associated with the parcel of land. We are

continuing to work with the local schools to create art pieces for installation in the park and look forward to releasing more information as it becomes available.



JOSEPH DICKEY

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

The new school year has begun! When driving, remember to watch out for school children and follow all traffic laws especially around school buses.

The avenues are part of the latest real estate boom! We're excited to see new faces moving into West Columbia. Always call our Police Department to report a crime. The non-emergency line is 803-794-0721. With your reports, we can more efficiently patrol the area.



MICKEY PRINGLE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Habitat for Humanity is coming to our community. They are looking to acquire empty lots or homes in West Columbia, accepting sponsorships, and financial and in-kind donations,

as well as, looking for volunteers. For more information go to their website habitatcsc.org or call 803-726-0424.



JIMMY BROOKS

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

Remember your 9 PM routine. Lock your car and house doors, remove valuables from your vehicle, and report any suspicious activity to the police department. School is back

in, so drive slowly through the neighborhoods as children are walking to and from the buses. Follow the City's YouTube Channel to watch the Council meetings live or view the recordings after. The meetings are also streamed live on the City's YouTube Channel, bit.ly/WeCoYouTube.



ERIN P. PORTER

COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

Mark your calendars for a Saluda Gardens neighborhood meeting that will be held on September 14th, format still to be determined. Check the Saluda Gardens Facebook page

for details to come. Please help to support business here in West Columbia by shopping and dining locally. Visit the Artisan Market behind Terras on Saturday for handmade crafts, and art. Please call or text me if you need anything, 803-807-0573.



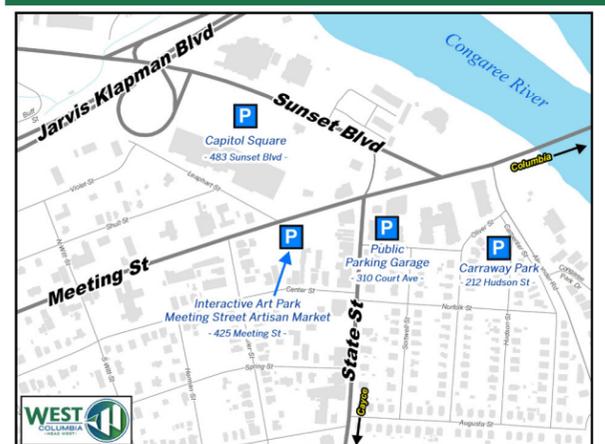
DAVID MOYE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

COVID-19 has made a comeback and has already claimed lives in our City. Please take this disease seriously, and do your part to minimize your spread. COVID-19 is still very

dangerous to you or your neighbor's vulnerable loved ones, and our area may not have enough medical resources to adequately care for the critically ill among us if there is a major outbreak.

RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880

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

BRIANNA ETHERIDGE COMES HOME TO WEST COLUMBIA TO OPEN BRI L. DESIGNS ON MEETING



Brianna Etheridge, Owner, Bri L. Designs

The West Columbia business community gained a new entrepreneur in July, and she is happy to be back home. Bri L. Designs and Alterations held its grand opening on July 15, at 819 Meeting Street, West Columbia.

The owner of the new business is Brianna Etheridge. She is a graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School. After high school, Brianna went off to study at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

When she decided to open her business, she considered a location in New York, but that was not where her heart was. “West Columbia is where I want to be,” Brianna said. “I’m a Southern

girl at heart. This is my home.”

Bri L. Designs and Alterations offers custom clothing design, alterations, and clothing repair services. Brianna also offers various activewear and swimwear designs for women of all shapes and sizes.

Brianna said she has gotten the support of her family, church, and the entire community since opening her business. She also likes her storefront. Bri L. Designs and Alterations is in a house. Brianna said she picked the site because she wanted her customers to feel at home. “I love that it’s a house,” she said.

Bri. L. Designs and Alterations is in The River District and Brianna said she is pleased to be in a convenient spot. “I have customers from Columbia, Cayce, Lexington, and West Columbia,” she said. “I am at a place that is easy to get to. And we’ve had a good response so far. It’s been steady. That is encouraging.”

She also said she is still getting the word out and letting everyone know she is open for business.

In addition to a good relationship with the community, Brianna said the City of West Columbia has been very easy to work with and she appreciates the cooperation.

ATO LTD STEPS IN AS A RELIABLE COMMUNITY PARTNER TO HELP WEST COLUMBIA BATTLE COVID



ATO Ltd., West Columbia

ATO Ltd. is an industrial maintenance and paper supply company that has been operating in West Columbia for 17 years. “We supply our customers with paper products, cleaning supplies, and equipment,” said owner Tom Osteen.

ATO Ltd. is at 1100 Charleston Highway in West Columbia, and it is also a distributor for janitorial products.

Tom founded ATO Ltd. in 2004 to create a better way for professionals to clean and maintain their facilities.

ATO Ltd. brings environmentally friendly products to its clientele to provide a healthier and safer way of cleaning. As a result of its

reliable customer service, the company has grown over the years.

When Tom started ATO Ltd. he was the only employee. The company now has a staff of five.

ATO Ltd. also works to make the community better. The company donated personal protection equipment to the West Columbia Police Department during the COVID crisis. West Columbia Mayor Tem Miles said the contribution from ATO Ltd. has been a tremendous benefit for the citizens of West Columbia.

Tom was also complimentary of the city.

“The City of West Columbia has been good to us,” he said. “We really appreciate the fact that we do business here.”

In addition to his community service, Tom said his company strives to help maintain a safe, clean workplace for all.

MODA SALON IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER DISTRICT’S HEALTHY GROWTH PATTERN



Moda Salon at 224 State Street, West Columbia

Moda Salon, at 224 State Street, in West Columbia, is in a great location for hair care.

The salon, which is in The River District, is owned by Claire Taylor. A small group of professional stylists and a nail technician serve the clientele. The staff is dedicated to their client’s individual needs and Moda provides a comfortable and relaxing environment.

Brian Johnson has been styling hair for 30 years. He has been at Moda for the last four years and loves the location of the salon. “I have clients who come in from all over,” Brian said. “We’re in a very convenient location.”

Brian’s customers come from Lexington, West Columbia, Columbia, Forest Acres, and Northeast Columbia. He is pleased with the improvements he has seen in The River District.

“There has been a lot of growth recently,” Brian said, “The changes have been dramatic and because of so many new businesses, the amount of foot traffic has increased a good bit, too.”

Jessica Palyok is also a stylist at Moda, along with Dennis Moore.

Deborah Joyce is the nail technician at Moda and has been for the last four years. She has been doing nails for 20 years. “I love it here,” she said. “I love the location and my clients love it, too.”

Deborah said she likes watching the positive changes as The River District grows. “I like being a part of it,” she said. “It’s neat to see it grow.”

HAPPENINGS IN WECO

MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY
 425 MEETING STREET
 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

WCBF TRIBUTE FOR TREES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
 200 N. 12TH STREET, WEST COLUMBIA
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 BEAUTIFYWESTCOLUMBIA.ORG

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 BLOSSOM BUFFET
 BRICKS AND STONES PIZZA COMPANY
 BUTTERCREAM DREAMS
 CAFE STRUDEL WEST COLUMBIA
 CHINA HUT III
 COMPTON’S KITCHEN
 D’S WINGS
 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
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 CHERRY’S DELIGHT
 COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY
 ED’S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE
 FURNITURE ON SUNSET
 GOLD LINE FRAMING
 GLASSIE LADIES
 JAAS BOUTIQUE
 JAK’S ESSENTIALS
 JARRETT’S JUNGLE
 MEETING STREET INTERIORS
 MESSIE’S CLOSET
 OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL
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 SIGHTLER’S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE
 SPA 131
 STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY
 STONE BOOT COMPANY
 THE ECLECTIC HOUSE
 THE WAREHOUSE
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 THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES
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