

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In January 2022, the City launched a new service for our residents. It includes an Android and Apple App called "WeCo Info". Scan the QR Code to the right, or download it from the Android or Apple stores.

The app provides weekly reminders for sanitation service and the ability to sign up to receive alerts for the latest news and information from the City via the app, email, phone call, and/or text message so that you never miss a garbage day or happenings in the City. You can also download your sanitation collection calendar to your iCal, Google, or Outlook calendars or print them for your home.

The new service also contains easy-to-access frequently asked questions about sanitation, a search feature with information on what piece of garbage to put in which bin, and a help section for City related questions that point you in the direction to find information.

For more information, go to our website [westcolumbiasc.gov/sanitation-recycling](http://westcolumbiasc.gov/sanitation-recycling), or scan the QR Code to the right.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.



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## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



### MIKE GREEN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We are beginning the design for the replacement of a water main and resurfacing portions of Decatur Street. In the coming weeks, survey crews will be out collecting field data. Council has approved the agreement for our electronic water meter readers, and we are excited to get this project underway.



### TREVOR BEVELL

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

Thank y'all for making West Columbia so wonderful. Please be mindful of our city employees during this pandemic and period of growth. Thank them when you see them out and about. Please don't hesitate to call me with any concerns.



### CASEY J. HALLMAN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The City's new WeCo Info App is now live in the Android and Apple stores. Download it to receive real-time updates about your sanitation service, events, and other happenings in the city. You can also sign up to receive text, phone, and/or email alerts. All the information can be found on our website at [westcolumbiasc.gov/sanitation-recycling](http://westcolumbiasc.gov/sanitation-recycling).



### JOSEPH DICKEY

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

On Thursday, February 24, the Urban Land Institute Class of 2022 will learn about the connectedness and planning that continues to drive development in our River District. In the program, their class of professionals will be educated in responsible development and the creation and sustainability of thriving communities. We are excited to showcase West Columbia to this group of professionals.



### MICKEY PRINGLE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

The Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) is now offering a free Mental Health First Aid course that teaches individuals how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. To register for a course or more information, visit the BLEC website at <https://brooklandlakeview.org/mhfa-training/>. BLEC is also recruiting participants in the Diabetes Intervention Program throughout the next three years. To participate, contact [dbrown@brookland.cc](mailto:dbrown@brookland.cc) or 803-744-1969.



### JIMMY BROOKS

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

We are excited to welcome Cucinelli's Pizzeria and Italian Ice to Westland Plaza offering take-out and dine-in options. Murphy's Express Gas Station has broken ground next to Freddy's Fast Burgers on Sunset Boulevard. Please show your support to our local business owners when out shopping and dining.



### ERIN P. PORTER

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

Get with family and friends and build a car for Kinetic Derby Day! The City's 3rd annual event will be held on April 23, on State and Meeting Streets. Join in on the fun with a STEAM festival on State, a Ferris wheel, an artisan fairway, and soapbox racing on Meeting Street! Go to [kineticderbyday.com](http://kineticderbyday.com) for all of the information.

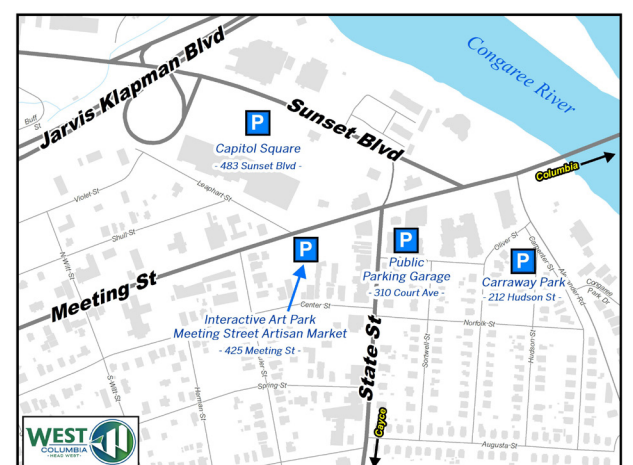


### DAVID MOYE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

Welcome, Brickhouse Coffee & Tea! We are very excited to have a local coffee brewer in our neighborhood. This partnership with the recently re-opened Primal is a big step forward for progress in West Columbia. Visit them beginning March 7, from 7 AM - 7 PM. Primal is now open M-F, from 10 AM - 8 PM.

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING





## KINETIC DERBY DAY IS APRIL 23, AND IT'S A GREAT DAY TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT FOR WEST COLUMBIA



West Columbia's Kinetic Derby Day is April 23.

It's going to be big! West Columbia's Third Annual Kinetic Derby Day is Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 AM - 3:30 PM.

"I expect it to be a wonderful event. Kinetic Derby Day is an inspirational example of our city's spirit," said West Columbia Mayor Tem Miles. "I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy it. It's one of the best days in West Columbia."

Kinetic Derby Day begins with soapbox cars racing down the steep decline on Meeting Street in adult and children divisions. After the traditional side-by-side soapbox race ends at noon, there will be an obstacle course competition on Meeting Street for more intense soapbox racing. Awards will be presented for the best art

car, the fastest car, and the best wipeout.

Steve Cohen is the President of the WeCo River District Association. He said the many businesses in West Columbia's River District look forward to the crowds that come for Kinetic Derby Day.

"The City of West Columbia's Kinetic Derby Day gives us a chance to attract visitors from all around and show them some West Columbia hospitality," Cohen said.

This year, Kinetic Derby Day will be a little different. At the corner of Meeting Street and State Street, there will be a giant Ferris wheel with beautiful views of the river and surrounding areas. On State Street, there will be a mini STEAM festival with interactive science projects and a children's area. The Meeting Street Artisan Market vendors and other artists will be set up in the Interactive Art Park and food trucks will be set up along Meeting Street as well.

The mission of Kinetic Derby Day is to inspire problem-solving, build community pride, showcase the growing West Columbia community, and highlight that West Columbia is a prime location for economic investment and development. Kinetic Derby Day spurs competition and family fun. It involves collaboration from teams that build unusual vehicles and awe-inspiring art installations.

## AFFORDABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MOVES TO NEW LOCATION AND LOVES WEST COLUMBIA



Affordable Medical Equipment - 1812 Sunset Blvd.

Affordable Medical Equipment moved to its new building at 1812 Sunset Boulevard, in West Columbia at the beginning of 2021.

"We love West Columbia," said Chris Carpenter, owner. "When we decided to build a new building, we did not want to leave West Columbia. West Columbia is the best place to be for business."

Affordable Medical Equipment is a family business. Denise Carpenter and Brandon Carpenter, the mother, and brother of Chris also work at the business. They offer a variety of specialized inventory and services. Their products enhance mobility, physical therapy, kitchens, and include: lift chairs, stairlifts, wheelchairs, and

accessories. Affordable Medical Equipment also repairs scooters, wheelchairs, and installs pool lifts, and vehicle lifts.

For nearly 15 years Affordable Medical Equipment was at 1538 Sunset Boulevard, about four doors up from its current location. Chris said the move to the new location was easy and good for business.

"The new building is much bigger and we can carry more products for our customers," Chris said.

He also said the new Affordable Medical Equipment building is in a great location with a steady traffic flow. In addition to being in a highly visible spot, Chris said he has been impressed with the City of West Columbia.

"The city was easy to work with when we were building," he said. "Everyone at the city is responsive, responsible, and respectful. We're glad to be here. The city's services are the best."

## NORDAN'S TRIM SHOP ON MEETING STREET HAS BEEN SERVING WEST COLUMBIA FOR 70 YEARS



Nordan's Trim shop - 500 Meeting Street.

Nordan's Trim Shop has been serving West Columbia for 70 years.

It was established by George H. Nordan in 1951 and moved to its current location at 500 Meeting Street in 1954. The official name is now Nordan and Foster Custom Upholstery.

"We absolutely love West Columbia," said Kathy Nordan Foster, who owns Nordan's Trim Shop with her son Houston Nordan.

The business was passed on to Randy Nordan from George, his father. Nordan's Trim Shop was then purchased by Houston and Kathy. Houston is the third generation of the Nordan family to own the business.

"We're now celebrating 70 years of business by continuing to

offer great customer service," Kathy said. "We plan to serve this community for years to come. Nordan's has a great relationship with the City of West Columbia."

Kathy is proud of the fact that Nordan's has been a fixture in the community for so long. Her specialty is furniture and antique upholstery. Currently, she spends a lot of her time training the eleven people employed by Nordan's Trim Shop. She said Nordan's has trained many in the art of upholstery over the years.

"If there is an upholstery shop around here, they likely got their training at Nordan's," Kathy said.

The services at Nordan's include automotive upholstery, marine upholstery, full canvas, including seat covers, boat covers, spray shields, biminis, and custom cushions.

Nordan's also serves commercial accounts including restaurants, corporations, manufacturers, offices, and fleet services.

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

### MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY

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

### KINETIC DERBY DAY

MEETING & STATE STREETS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022  
10 AM - 3:30 PM

### ART ON STATE

100-300 BLOCKS STATE STREET

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022  
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

## VISIT WECO

### #EATLOCAL

AL'S UPSTAIRS  
ALWAYS ORIGINAL BAKERY  
ARIANA'S RESTAURANT  
BLACK ROOSTER  
BLOSSOM BUFFET  
BRICKHOUSE GOURMET COFFEE & TEA CO.  
BRICKS AND STONES PIZZA COMPANY  
BUTTERCREAM DREAMS  
CAFE STRUDEL WEST COLUMBIA  
CHINA HUT III  
COMPTON'S KITCHEN  
CUCINELLA'S PIZZERIA AND ITALIAN ICE  
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  
NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN  
NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA  
PARKLAND CAKES  
PRIMAL  
RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!  
SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
STEVE'S DELI  
TACOS LOCOS  
TERRA  
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  
GOLD LINE FRAMING  
GLASSIE LADIES  
JAK'S ESSENTIALS  
JARRETT'S JUNGLE  
MEETING STREET INTERIORS  
MESSIE'S CLOSET  
OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL  
PRESERVE & CO.  
ROB SHAW GALLERY AND FRAMING  
SIGHTLER'S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE  
SPA 131  
STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY  
STONE BOOT COMPANY  
STUDIO 221  
TALL OAKS BOUTIQUE  
THE ECLECTIC HOUSE  
THE WAREHOUSE  
THREE OAKS FLORIST AND INTERIORS  
THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES  
TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY  
WEST POINT COINS, LLC

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