

CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2022



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

City Council has made emergency appropriations of funds to support the Sanitation Department's equipment needs. Due to the non-availability of parts for the current aging equipment, these funds are now allocated to address the equipment needs. Three garbage trucks, a new leaf truck, as well as a street sweeper, have been purchased. The equipment is projected to be incorporated into our fleet this summer as the equipment becomes available. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through the equipment shortages nationwide.

Numerous events are going on in the city! The 3rd Annual Kinetic Derby Day was a success with over 30 teams racing side-by-side and on the new obstacle course. Check out the pictures on our Facebook page and mark your calendars for next year's event on April 22, 2023. The first Friday in May is Art on State, with live music, painting on the street, and vendors and shopping options for Mother's Day. Rhythm on the River is a free concert series held every Saturday in May beginning at 6 PM at the West Columbia Riverwalk Amphitheater. Save the date for the West Columbia Beautification Foundation's Annual Taste on the River on June 14, at Stone River. Tickets will go on sale soon.

The city-wide cleanup day is Saturday, May 14, from 8 AM-12 PM, meeting at City Hall. Grab your friends and register a team. <http://bit.ly/LitterPickup>
I hope everyone has a safe, healthy, happy, and enjoyable summer. Get out and enjoy our beautiful outdoor opportunities!

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.



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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



MIKE GREEN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

SCDOT continues to work on the US-1 Safety Improvement Project. It is in the planning and right-of-way phase. Sign up for the latest news, alerts,

and information specific to your address on our website, westcolumbiasc.gov/sanitation-recycling. Call me with any concerns at 803-563-8085.



TREVOR BEVELL

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

I hope you all were able to get out and enjoy Kinetic Derby Day this year! Many thanks to our staff who worked tirelessly preparing for, putting on, and cleaning up after

this wonderful event. Thank them when you see them. I hope everyone has a great summer. If I can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to contact me.



CASEY J. HALLMAN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

We are excited to have Love-A-Cup Bakery join the WeCo family of businesses in the Chick-Fil-A Plaza on Highway 1. They are known for their cakes, cookies,

pies, macaroons, cinnamon rolls, puddings, cheesecakes, chocolate bombs, brownies, and more! They also serve delicious sandwiches and soups for lunch.



JOSEPH DICKEY

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Council's goals and priorities for 2022-23 include the identification of several intersections which are problematic from a safety, aesthetic, and pedestrian

standpoint. Specific intersections in District 4 include Alexander Road at Meeting Street and US 378 at Meeting Street. We are also working with SCDOT to finalize the Pedestrian Improvement Plans at Meeting and State Streets.



MICKEY PRINGLE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

The Brookland-Lakeview 21st Century Cola Program is offering a FREE Summer Camp for Northside Middle School and East Point Academy Middle Campus

Students June 13 - July 22, 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday. For an application, please email your request to lakeview@brookland.cc, call Ms. JaOuanda Wright, Project Director, at 803-744-1967 or apply online at <https://brooklandlakeview.org/programmevents/summer-camp-2022/>.



JIMMY BROOKS

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

New development is increasing along Sunset Blvd as our water/sewer line extension project continues towards I-20. Lexington Medical Center is building two additional buildings

across from the hospital. A Murphy's Express Gas Station is also in the works as well as additional development toward I-20.



ERIN P. PORTER

COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

The Saluda Gardens Water Main Improvement Project will begin in June. The project will be completed in phases and residents will be notified by a door hanger before

their phase of construction. The Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens has numerous activities for kids and adults this summer. As well as trails for a short hike to history in our area. Go to their website riverbanks.org to find out more.



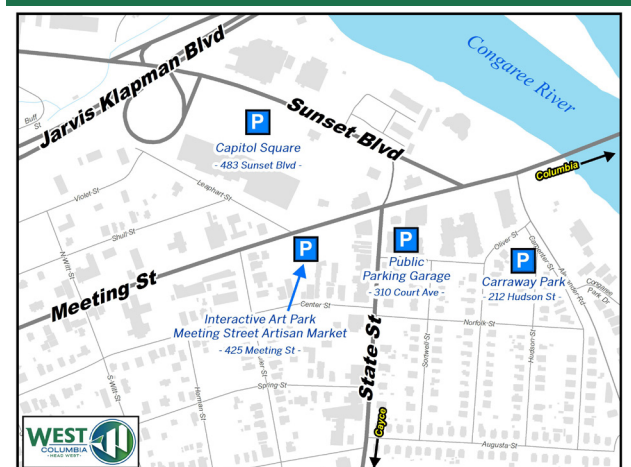
DAVID MOYE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

The River District has a lot going on this Summer. Art on State is May 6, with art, music, and free admission. The free CWC Chamber Rhythm on the River Concert Series is every

Saturday in May, at 6 PM, at the Riverwalk Amphitheater. The Beautification Foundation's annual Taste on the River at Stone River is June 14. Be on the lookout to purchase tickets.

RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880

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

MEET DOCTORS CANDRA AND NICK CHAMBERS OF VAN CREST ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN WEST COLUMBIA



Van Crest Doctors Candra and Nick Chambers

Dr. Candra Smith Chambers and Dr. Nick Chambers, wife, and husband, are the owners of Van Crest Animal Hospital. Van Crest, at 1817 Augusta Road, offers friendly and compassionate veterinary services.

“We love serving the West Columbia community,” said Candra, who is commonly referred to as “Dr. C.” She became a part of the Van Crest Animal Hospital team in 2003. She is known for her excellent bedside manner, thoroughness, and dedication. Dr. C has also developed special relationships with her clients and their pets.

Dr. Nick Chambers has also been a veterinarian at Van Crest Animal Hospital since 2003. He said he has “a mission to take care of God’s little creatures one day at a time.” The Chambers Family is an asset to West Columbia, and they believe in giving back to their friends and neighbors. “We speak at several schools during the year, and we have students come to our office to learn about veterinary medicine during professional shadow day,” Dr. C said.

In December, West Columbia City Council recognized Van Crest Animal Hospital for receiving the West Columbia Beautification Foundation’s Quarterly Appearance Award.

In addition to improvements to the outside of the building, the Chambers have expanded and renovated the inside of their building. Nino Chambers, the doctors’ son, is in his final year of architecture school, and he designed the latest renovation at Van Crest.

Throughout the years, the veterinarians have established strong relationships with their clientele.

“We’ve watched many of the children of our clients grow up, along with their pets,” Dr. C, said. “We consider our clients and their pets a part of our family.”

RONNIE’S JEWELERS HAS BEEN A LANDMARK IN TRIANGLE CITY FOR MORE THAN 23 YEARS



Jewelers Wanda Cook and Ronnie Jeffcoat

Ronnie’s Jewelers has been operating at 710 12th Street in West Columbia’s Triangle City for 23 years.

The business specializes in diamonds, rings, necklaces, watches, and other jewelry that satisfies any style.

Ronnie Jeffcoat is the owner, and he is happy with his location.

“We love it here,” Ronnie said. “We’re in a great location. 12th Street is West Columbia’s main thoroughfare. The traffic flow is good.”

Ronnie was with Roof Jewelers in West Columbia for 24 years before he opened Ronnie’s Jewelers.

Ronnie said in the nearly 50 years he has been in the jewelry business in West Columbia, he has established a loyal customer base that spans three generations.

“I have customers whose children come in to buy from Ronnie’s Jewelers. Now I have their children coming in,” he said.

In addition to Ronnie’s relationship with his clientele, he said his experience with the City of West Columbia has been wonderful throughout the years.

“I know a lot of the people who work for the City of West Columbia,” Ronnie said. “I have a good relationship with them.”

Based on published reviews, Ronnie’s customers say he is “more than helpful and he renders personal service.”

Another reviewer said, “Ronnie and his staff are good people, who are always fair and helpful.”

With his reputation, it’s easy to see why West Columbia shoppers have been coming to see Ronnie for decades.

WEST COLUMBIA’S TEX MEX RESTAURANT SERVES YOUR FAVORITES WITH A CREATIVE FLAIR



Fernando Noble, Araceli Nunez of Tex Mex

Tex Mex – Hot Dogs, Tacos, and More is a recently opened restaurant at 1215 Augusta Rd., Suite H, in the Rooster’s Den Plaza in West Columbia. It is owned by Fernando Noble and his wife, Araceli Nunez.

“I was a cook for other restaurants for 25 years,” Fernando said. “I wanted to open my own place.” So, in October of 2020, Fernando and Araceli opened Tex Mex. They are glad they did.

Fernando said in the early days of the restaurant most of his clientele came from the Latino community, but that has changed. He said about 50 percent of his customers now are from the Latino community because his customer base has expanded.

“The whole West Columbia community supports us,” Fernando said. West Columbia Mayor Tem Miles is a regular customer. Miles gives Tex Mex a ‘thumbs up.’

Fernando said some of the favorites he serves include specialty hot dogs and he incorporates a lot of meat into his dishes, including steak. The taco with queso is another favorite. Fernando said his aunt taught him to cook and his menu is influenced by the Mayan and Vera Cruz cultures because of the unique taste of that food.

One of the hot dogs on the Tex Mex menu comes with onions, cheese, and jalapeños.

A review of Tex Mex reads: “Great service and food. So far, I have had their tacos, soups, and specialty hot dogs. Everything was amazing. If you love a great, loaded hotdog you should try this place!”

Another reviewer raved about the Tex Mex “Chori-Dog.” Tex Mex is open seven days a week for lunch and five days a week for dinner.

HAPPENINGS IN WECO

MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY

425 MEETING STREET

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

ART ON STATE - RESCHEDULED

MEETING & STATE STREETS

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

5:30 - 9:30 PM

CLEAN UP DAY

[HTTP://BIT.LY/LITTERPICKUP](http://bit.ly/litterpickup)

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

8 AM - 12 PM

TASTE ON THE RIVER

STONE RIVER

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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
RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!
SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT
STEVE'S DELI
TACOS LOCOS
TERRA
TEX MEX - HOT DOGS, TACOS, & MORE
THE HIDEOUT IN WECO
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
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
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