

CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am excited about what the new year brings in 2023! I look forward to continuing the work on the redevelopment of our city. I also want to work to improve the essential services that we provide. Personally, I want to increase the time I spend together with my wife and kids.

On February 1, 2023, all nine council members gathered for our annual visioning session in the New Brookland Room, at City Hall. Jeff Shacker, with the Municipal Association of South Carolina, facilitated a constructive conversation to deliver the Must Do, Should Do, and Could Do goals for the City in 2023-2024. Those will be presented in an upcoming council meeting.

Our council meetings are held on the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 6 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. We welcome the public to join us and learn about all that is happening in the city government.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

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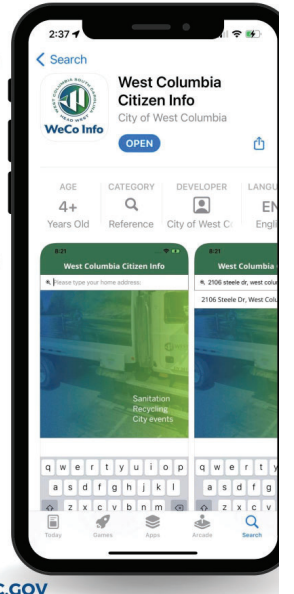


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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



MIKE GREEN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

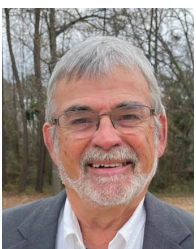
My 2023 goals are to keep cleaning up our city by continuing our clean-up days and expanding them. We need to focus on the US-1/I-26 Corridor and 9th Street at Jarvis Klapman Blvd. Also, I would like to concentrate on economic development by bringing in different styles of businesses along our corridors. Call me with any concerns at 803-563-8085.



TREVOR BEDELL

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

In 2023, I want to continue to offer my best efforts to the residents and business owners in my district and the citizens of West Columbia. This council is a united board with the common goal of making West Columbia the best it can be.



GEORGE M. CROWE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

I am excited about working with council to address the needs of my district and the city. I would like to see good progress on beautifying the 378 corridor and improving our neighborhoods with public safety always in mind. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at 803-250-9870.



JOSEPH DICKEY

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

My New Year's Resolution for 2023 is to continually strive to improve. I want to be the best father I can be for my children. I want to be the best husband for my wife. I want to be the best representative for West Columbia. I want to be the best attorney for my clients. In the New Year, I look forward to the opportunities personally and professionally to improve. The New Year also should be a great year for our City as Council has approved many projects that will benefit West Columbia for years to come. Lastly, on a personal note, the beginning of the New Year continues to demonstrate that blessings do indeed come from above as Kiosha (my wife) and I welcomed our son at the end of January.



MICKY PRINGLE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

My goals for 2023 are to continue to provide opportunities for our seniors and bring resources to our underprivileged youth so they have the opportunity to improve their standard of living. Give me a call at 803-467-1357.



JIMMY BROOKS

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

I generally do not set New Year's Resolutions. However, I do have a few goals for 2023. Number 1: To be a better listener. Number 2: Spend more quality time with Jennifer and our children. If I can be of assistance, call me at 864-630-9854.



ERIN P. PORTER

COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

I would like to spend more time with family and enjoy the outdoors in 2023. For the city, I want to see our continued focus on meaningful infrastructure projects to tackle system-wide improvements for our water and wastewater distribution systems, while supporting the growth and economic development of our hometown.

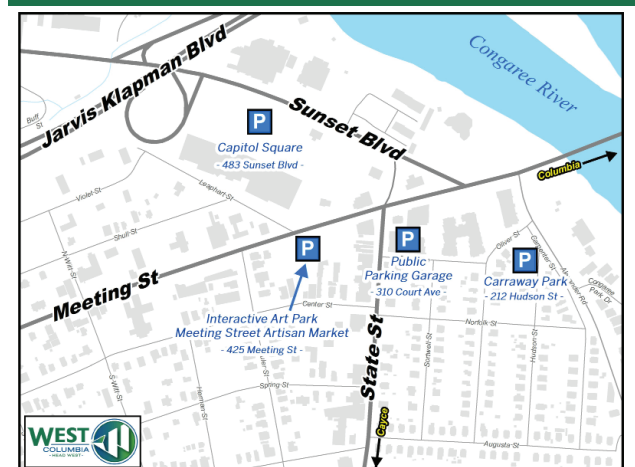


DAVID MOYE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

I always like to learn new useful skills. I have never tiled a bathroom before, but have always admired how beautiful they can be. This year, I think I might try. For District 8, my goal is, and will always be, to promote development and growth that includes our community at its center.

RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



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BREELAND COURIER SERVICE HAS BEEN SERVING THE WEST COLUMBIA COMMUNITY FOR 21 YEARS



Dennis Breeland and his wife, Bernice

Breeland Courier Service, at 1304 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, can completely process your packages. “We’ve been in business for 21 years,” said Dennis Breeland. During that time, he encountered a multitude of challenges. “We got a call from a client who was at the port in Florida, ready to leave for a cruise, but the client forgot their passport,” Breeland said. “We went to the client’s home, got the passport, and delivered it the same day before the ship sailed.”

Breeland Courier Service is a 24-hour, 365-day small package delivery company, with quick access to Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The location is ideal for accommodating arrival flight

pickups and deliveries. The types of deliveries common for Breeland Courier Service include pharmaceutical, medical, real estate, Notary Public, CPA, legal, publications, tradeshow, and catering. The business specializes in local and long-distance routes.

“Our drivers treat your package with care,” he said. “We don’t mishandle your shipment.”

Breeland Courier Service will also prepare and ship your packages using UPS, FedEx, or the US Postal Service. Over the years, Breeland’s clientele has come to trust the courier service.

“We have several repeat users,” Breeland said. “They know they can count on us with their packages.”

In more than two decades, Breeland has developed a good relationship with the City of West Columbia.

“The city leaders have been very positive regarding my business,” he said.

Breeland said he is glad to be of service.

“There is a sense of satisfaction when you know you are helping the community,” he said.

TIME TO REGISTER TO BUILD A FLOAT OR CAR FOR KINETIC DERBY DAY, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22



West Columbia’s Kinetic Derby Day is April 22

Registration for the 4th Annual West Columbia Kinetic Derby Day, featuring the iMAGINE STEAM Festival, is open. The event will be held on State and Meeting Streets on Saturday, April 22, from 10 AM until 3 PM. To register to build, race, volunteer, or be a vendor, and join in the fun, visit www.kineticderbyday.com.

Kinetic Derby Day has become one of the most popular events in the area. It fills the streets with celebration and is free for all to attend. Anyone can register to be in the parade, and ages 8 and up can race!

“There is quite a bit of interest in building a car this year,” said Kelli Ricard, West Columbia’s Director of Events. “We’re encouraging everyone to register as soon as you can.”

This year, the return of the Kinetic Sculpture Parade will kick off the day, followed by soapbox racing, obstacle course racing, and the iMAGINE STEAM Festival on State Street throughout the day. As always, the event spurs creative thinking, competition, and family fun as teams come together to build unusual vehicles and awe-inspiring art installations.

The iMAGINE STEAM Festival on State features interactive exhibits emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) to ignite the interests of Pre-K through 12th-grade students (and their families) in STEAM subjects. It also gives them exposure to STEAM careers, skilled trades jobs, and education pathways. The Kids’ Zone, presented by the Boys and Girls Club, will host exhibition soapbox racing for the smaller children.

EAST POINT ACADEMY IS GROWING AND THRIVING AT IT’S TWO LOCATIONS IN WEST COLUMBIA



East Point Head of School Andrew Hart with students

East Point Academy is a tuition-free public charter school that offers four-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade. Students receive bilingual language instruction in English and Chinese in Elementary School. In middle school, language options are Spanish and Mandarin and are taught as a traditional class. The elementary campus is on Chris Drive in a new state-of-the-art facility. The middle school campus is on Leaphart Street in a newly renovated facility. The school has thrived and grown in West Columbia.

“We started with 86 students in 2011. We currently have 776 students enrolled,” said Vanessa Diaz, EPA Public Information and Marketing Coordinator. She also said, “East Point Academy

has been named “Best Charter School” by The Free Times, “Best Charter School” by The State, “Best Charter School” by Lexington Life Magazine, and is ranked as a 2023 Best School by Niche.com.”

The school offers personalized learning through small classes with certified teachers. The goal at East Point Academy is to promote civic engagement, and cultural and social awareness activities, with parental involvement. They are globally minded and provide a rich and rigorous education. East Point Academy also has numerous after-school offerings such as archery, basketball, cheerleading, Chinese dance, drama, drum team, dragon dance, girls/boys track, and music education. As a charter school, East Point Academy accepts student applications from any school district in South Carolina. It also has an after-school program for those families who need a more accommodating schedule.

East Point Academy applications are accepted year-round and can be completed on the school’s website or at the school. If you have questions, or if you would like more information, email eastpoint@eastpointsc.org.

HAPPENINGS IN WECO

MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY & 2ND THURSDAY
INTERACTIVE ART PARK, 425 MEETING STREET
11 AM - 3 PM (SATURDAYS)
4 - 8 PM (2ND THURSDAYS)

KINETIC DERBY DAY TEST RUN

MARCH 11, 2023, 9-10 AM

MEETING STREET

KINETIC DERBY DAY

MEETING & STATE STREETS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

10 AM - 4 PM

LITTER PICK-UP DAY

APRIL 29, 2023 CITY-WIDE

VISIT WECO

#EATLOCAL

AL’S UPSTAIRS
ALWAYS ORIGINAL BAKERY
ARIANA’S RESTAURANT
BLACK ROOSTER
BLOSSOM BUFFET
BREADS & SUCH
BRICKHOUSE GOURMET COFFEE & TEA
BUTTERCREAM DREAMS
THE CAKE HOUSE CASA DE PASTEL
CABANAS
CAFE STRUDEL WEST COLUMBIA
CALLOWAY’S SPORTS BAR & GRILL
CHAYZ LOUNGE
CHINA HUT III
COMPTON’S KITCHEN
CUCINELLA’S PIZZERIA & ITALIAN ICE
D’S WINGS
DELUCCA’S ITALIAN GRILL
EGGROLL STATION
GRECIAN GARDENS RESTAURANT
GROUCHO’S DELI
THE HIDEOUT IN WECO
HITE’S BBQ
JIMMY’S MINI MART/CITGO
JIN JIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
LIZARD’S THICKET
LOVE A CUP BAKERY
MAI THAI CUISINE
MANNY’S
MAURICE’S PIGGIE PARK
NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN
NICK’S HOUSE OF PIZZA
ODALY’S BAKERY
RUSH’S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!
SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT
STEVE’S DELI
TACOS LOCOS AND GRILL
TERRA
TEX MEX WEST COLUMBIA
THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES
TRUE BBQ
WHAT-A-BURGER
ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA

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BARBARA JANE’S BOUTIQUE
BILL’S MUSIC SHOP & PICKIN’ PARLOR
CHERRY’S DELIGHT
COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY
ED’S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE
GOLD LINE FRAMING
GLASSIE LADIES
JAAS BOUTIQUE
JARRETT’S JUNGLE
MEETING STREET INTERIORS
MESSIE’S CLOSET
NEW BROOKLAND RAILROAD & HOBBY
OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL
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SCRATCH & SPIN
SIGHTLER’S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE
SPA 131
STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY
STONE BOOT COMPANY
TALL OAKS BOUTIQUE
THE WAREHOUSE
THREE OAKS FLORIST AND INTERIORS
THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES
TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY
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