

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Here's to health, happiness, and good times in the new year!

Remember, our local shops are the heart of our city. Get into the holiday spirit by shopping locally at all the businesses across town and swing by the Meeting Street Artisan Markets on Saturdays before Christmas where you can find the perfect, unique gift! The CWC Chamber Parade Day, followed by the Parade of Lights is Saturday, December 9, which is another great way to spend a Saturday or simply enjoy the beautiful lights on a stroll or drive through the beautiful WeCo neighborhoods.

Looking for a fun project to do with family and friends? Consider crafting a Kinetic Derby Day car for the 5th Annual event on April 20, 2024.

As we move into January 2024, it's a new year filled with possibilities and progress for the City of West Columbia. Our Council planning session is just around the corner, and your voice matters. Reach out to your council members and share your ideas for West Columbia in 2024-2025.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

### HOLIDAY MEETING STREET ARTISAN MARKETS

SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16  
11 AM - 3 PM  
425 MEETING STREET

### CWC CHAMBER PARADE DAY & PARADE OF LIGHTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023, 12 PM - 4 PM  
MAIN SHUTTLE STOP: "NORTH POLE"  
1006 12TH STREET  
PARADE AT 5:30 PM (ALONG 12TH STREET)  
CWCCHAMBER.COM/  
HOLIDAYPARADEOFLIGHTS/

### KINETIC DERBY DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024  
10 AM - 3 PM  
MEETING & STATE STREETS  
WWW.KINETICDERBYDAY.COM

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## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



### MIKE GREEN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

A few results of the November homelessness forum are that our WCPD employs drones and geofencing for swift camp responses. They have

partnered with USC's Social Work Department to create an Outreach Program where referrals notably reduce homeless-law enforcement encounters.



### TREVOR BEVELL

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's all get out and enjoy all West Columbia has to offer over the holidays, from shopping with your local stores,

friends, and neighbors, to frequenting our parks. If I can ever be of service, don't hesitate to contact me.



### GEORGE CROWE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

We have several events coming up in December. Our Christmas Tree Lighting was on December 1. The Holiday Meeting Street Artisan Market continues Saturdays Dec. 9 &

16. Don't forget to write letters to Santa at Carraway Park where the kids can drop Santa mail through December 24. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.



### JOSEPH DICKEY

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Remember to support local businesses this holiday season by purchasing presents for teachers or gifts for friends and loved ones from a West Columbia shop. Ed's

Editions, State Street Trading Co, The Warehouse, and Spa 131 are just a few that offer unique gifts in the River District.



### MICKEY PRINGLE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Dominion Energy crews have installed a new scoreboard at the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center at no cost, the latest update for the 62-year-old historic high

school football field. Last year, Dominion Energy, BLEC, the City and other partners renovated Lakeview High School field to add light poles, irrigation, new turf and a walking track.



### JIMMY BROOKS

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

Construction on the Lexington Medical Center 3-story, 52,000 sq ft training center for the USC College of Nursing students is progressing. Langley Pointe, near Henbet Drive

is moving along with the clubhouse nearly finished and project completion projected in 2025. Construction of the traffic light at the intersection of Henbet Drive and Sunset Blvd is progressing and SCDOT contractors are working to relocate existing utilities.



### SARAH MATTERN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

The Saluda Gardens Neighborhood Association and Westover Acres HOAs worked together this year to light up the neighborhood with white Christmas Trees. Our friends

and neighbors have done an amazing job decorating their homes with lights and other festive decorations. Grab your friends and family to view all of the hard work bringing Christmas cheer to our area.



### DAVID MOYE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

The holiday season is about kindness and generosity to our neighbors. If you are able, please consider donating to Toys for Tots or attending a fun Toys for Tot charity event like the River District Great

Gatsby theme party at Stone River this coming December 6 from 6-8 PM.

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880

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

## WEST COLUMBIA HOLIDAYS FEATURES UNIQUE SHOPPING ADVENTURES AND FESTIVITIES GALORE



City of West Columbia's Parade of Lights Entry

In addition to the Holiday Markets, the Greater CWC Chamber will host the 2nd Annual Parade Day, from 12 PM – 4 PM, and the Parade of Lights beginning at 5:30 PM, Saturday, December 9. Parade Day includes a free shuttle service with multiple stops throughout West Columbia and Cayce for visitors to hop on, shop, dine, and explore. The North Pole, at the CWC Chamber Building, 1006 12th Street, will have live music by Blackwater Hwy, family activities, and shopping.

West Columbia's Triangle City, Sunset Boulevard Corridor, US 1 Corridor, and the River District are perfect places to shop with local store owners this season. Be sure to get your WECO Christmas tree ornament at State Street Trading Co. on State Street. West Columbia is decorated for the holiday season. The City of West Columbia hosts the 19th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1, at City Hall. A kayak Christmas Tree is in Riverwalk Amphitheater, Carraway Park has Santa's Mailbox and a holiday canoe, and the Interactive Art Park is dressed for the season.

Santa's Mailbox is back in the City of West Columbia and is located at Carraway Park, 212 Hudson Street, West Columbia. Children can bring their letters or use the provided postcards at Santa's Post Office and drop them in Santa's mailbox. Santa's mailbox accepts letters until December 13, for a response by Christmas. The mailbox will accept letters through December 24.

## BILL'S MUSIC SHOP AND PICKIN' PARLOR ON MEETING ST IS THE BLUEGRASS LIVE MUSIC VENUE



Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor, 710 Meeting St.

Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor is host to national live Bluegrass bands. Located at 710 Meeting Street, in West Columbia, Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor has a long-standing history of presenting high-quality bluegrass performances in a family atmosphere.

Bill Wells founded Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor, with his wife Louise, in 1985. He offered Friday night Bluegrass jam sessions. The response to the jam sessions was overwhelming and Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor have added more features and grown over the years. The shop sells guitars, banjos, and other stringed instruments. Bill's is licensed to sell Gibson and Martin brands. The venue's concert hall is large and well-known among professional musicians throughout the Southeast. After Bill's passing in 2011, Willie Wells, Bill's son, took over Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor.

"We want to carry on that same spirit and love for music that my father fostered," said Willie. Every Friday night at Bill's features the Legendary Bluegrass and Acoustic Open Stage and Jam.

So many of the shows at Bill's Pickin' Parlor are presented for a small donation. "It's important to keep the music affordable for working families," Willie said. Selling top-brand instruments is important, too.

"We sell the best bluegrass instruments you can buy," he said. You'll hear a variety of instruments at Bill's, including the fiddle, dobro, mandolin, and bass. Bill's is also the home of Willie Wells and The Blue Ridge Mountain Grass.

## MID-CAROLINA MARINE IS THE PLACE TO BUY THE BOAT TO FULFILL YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



Mid-Carolina Marine at 718 Sunset Blvd.

What about a boat from Mid-Carolina Marine to fulfill that New Year's resolution dream?

Mid-Carolina Marine is at 718 Sunset Blvd in West Columbia. Charles Carson is the owner. He is a sportsman with a love for water, fishing, and boating. His dealership is a top destination for those in the market for a new or previously owned boat.

Mid-Carolina Marine keeps a large inventory of freshwater and saltwater fishing and cruising boats year-round. It has a top-quality boat repair service department, too.

In its present location in West Columbia since 1979, the Mid-Carolina Marine site underwent a major renovation and became a

completely solar facility in 2020. The renovation at Mid-Carolina Marine took about a year and included Mid-Carolina's outdoor signs on the building. The West Columbia architect firm of Jumper, Carter, and Sease, designed the remodel.

On the banks of the Congaree River, Mid-Carolina Marine is less than three miles from three major interstate highways, and within sight of downtown Columbia.

"This is a great facility and we're in a great location," said Carson. "Everybody knows where to find us."

In his time doing business in West Columbia, Charles said his relationship with the City of West Columbia has been a great one.

Over the years, Mid Carolina Marine has won numerous awards for customer service and quality product sales. The longevity and success are due to a crew of experienced employees and courteous and helpful staff. Most have worked for Mid Carolina for more than 10 years.

## VISIT WECO

### #EATLOCAL

ALWAYS ORIGINAL BAKERY  
 ARIANA'S RESTAURANT  
 BLACK ROOSTER  
 BLOSSOM BUFFET  
 BREADS & SUCH  
 BREAKFAST AT RUIZ  
 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  
 CITY LIMITS Q  
 COMPTON'S KITCHEN  
 CUCINELLA'S PIZZERIA & ITALIAN ICE  
 D'S WINGS  
 DELUCCA'S ITALIAN GRILL  
 EGGROLL STATION  
 GOLDEN CHOPSTIX  
 GRECIAN GARDENS RESTAURANT  
 GROUCHO'S DELI  
 THE HIDEOUT IN WECO  
 JIMMY'S MINI MART/CITGO  
 LA FOGATA  
 LA MORENITA  
 LIZARD'S THICKET  
 LOVE-A-CUP BAKERY  
 LOS PAISANOS  
 MAI THAI CUISINE  
 MANNY'S  
 MAURICE'S PIGGIE PARK  
 NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN  
 NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA  
 NO. 1 CHINA  
 ODALY'S BAKERY  
 THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES  
 PERRY'S FLAMING CHICKEN  
 RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!  
 SAN JOSE MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
 SAVAGE CRAFT ALE WORKS  
 TACOS LOCOS AND GRILL  
 TASTY WINGS & SEAFOOD  
 TERRA  
 TEX MEX WEST COLUMBIA  
 THE HIDEOUT IN WECO  
 TRUE BBQ  
 WHAT-A-BURGER  
 ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA

### #SHOPLOCAL

763 ANTIQUE MALL  
 ATTIC FANATIC  
 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  
 NEW BROOKLAND RAILROAD & HOBBY  
 OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL  
 ROB SHAW GALLERY AND FRAMING  
 SCRATCH & SPIN  
 SIGHTLER'S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE  
 SPA 131  
 STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY  
 STONE BOOT COMPANY  
 THE WAREHOUSE  
 THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES  
 TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY  
 WEST POINT COINS, LLC  
 WHITE ORCHID BOUTIQUE

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