

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2024



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung in West Columbia, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy and excitement! As the days lengthen and the weather warms, I'm excited to share some updates on what's happening in the city.

Our dedicated Public Works crews have been gearing up with spring planting, ensuring our parks and green spaces are looking their absolute best. Be sure to get outside and explore the beauty of West Columbia's many parks and outdoor establishments.

There are so many events this spring and into the summer. Kinetic Derby Day kicks off spring on April 20, followed by the Spring Litter Pick-Up/Drug Take-Back Day on April 27. May includes Art on State on May 10, followed by the CWC Chamber Spring Concert Series throughout May into June on Saturdays. Get your tickets now for the West Columbia Beautification Foundation's Taste on the River with unlimited sampling of multiple delicious restaurants from around the midlands on Tuesday, June 11, at Stone River.

Stay tuned for further updates, and in the meantime, I encourage you to get involved! Attend a city council meeting, volunteer for a local cause, or simply strike up a conversation with your neighbors. Together, we can make West Columbia an even more vibrant and welcoming place to call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

**KINETIC DERBY DAY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024  
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
MEETING & STATE STREETS  
[KINETICDERBYDAY.COM](http://KINETICDERBYDAY.COM)

**LITTER PICK-UP & DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024  
9 AM - 12 PM  
CITY WIDE - MEET AT CITY HALL  
PRE-REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/LITTERPICKUP](http://BIT.LY/LITTERPICKUP)

**ART ON STATE**  
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024  
5:30 - 9:30 PM  
100-200 STATE STREET

**CWC CHAMBER RHYTHM ON THE RIVER**  
SATURDAYS, MAY 18, 25, JUNE 1, 2024  
6 - 9 PM  
WECO RIVERWALK AMPHITHEATER  
109 ALEXANDER ROAD  
[CWCCHAMBER.COM](http://CWCCHAMBER.COM)

**MEETING STREET MUSIC FEST**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024  
3 - 8 PM  
MEETING STREET  
[MEETINGSTREETMUSICFEST.COM](http://MEETINGSTREETMUSICFEST.COM)

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## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



**MIKE GREEN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We have been working hard to clean up blighted and littered areas around the city. Recently, we annexed properties on Woodberry Rd, Pinecrest Ave, and Huntington Drive.

The Police Department has worked with Prisma Outreach to provide services to the unsheltered and city staff has removed brush, litter, and debris.



**TREVOR BEDELL**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

Spring is upon us, and West Columbia is booming with fun activities. Please plan on attending Kinetic Derby Day. City staff has worked hard to ensure it is going to

be another awesome event. I look forward to seeing y'all there.



**GEORGE CROWE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

I hope everyone had a great Easter and Spring Break. Don't forget about all the exciting things coming up this month. The 5th Annual Kinetic Derby Day is April 20. The PD is

partnering again for the DEA National Drug Take Back Day on April 27. More info can be found on the city's website. I'd like to give a big thank you to all WeCo employees who help make our city great, including Police, Fire, Water, Sanitation, and all our departments.



**JOSEPH DICKEY**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

The River District is booming! New businesses are opening, including Signature Catering on Meeting Street and the re-opening of Brickhouse Gourmet Coffee & Tea

in their new location on Meeting Street. Go by and check them out during Kinetic Derby Day on April 20. The tennis courts on B Ave have gotten a facelift! They are resurfaced and a pickleball court has been added. Now you can enjoy pickleball in WeCo!



**MICKEY PRINGLE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

We welcomed the second Habitat for Humanity House in the district at the First Nail Ceremony for the Faith Build on March 19. Lucinda is excited to get started on her new

home on Jasper Street. Police Chief Boyce spoke about the importance of a strong community creating safer neighborhoods.



**JIMMY BROOKS**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

I am thankful for all that our SROs do for the youth in our local schools. WCPD SRO India Taylor led the 2nd year of the Beyond Goals soccer program at Riverbank Elementary

that helps build confidence and character for students in the 3rd-5th grades. The six-week after-school program concluded with a soccer tournament on March 21.



**SARAH MATTERN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

Spring has sprung in WECO! Waterline Update Phase 2: Staff received bids the week of March 18. The next steps include staff review and funding agency approval. Once

council approves the construction, contract work will get scheduled. Upcoming Spring events are all family-friendly: 5th Annual Kinetic Derby Day, April 20, Citywide Litter Pick-up Day, April 27, and the 6th Annual Art on State, May 10. Look on the City's Facebook page for all the details.

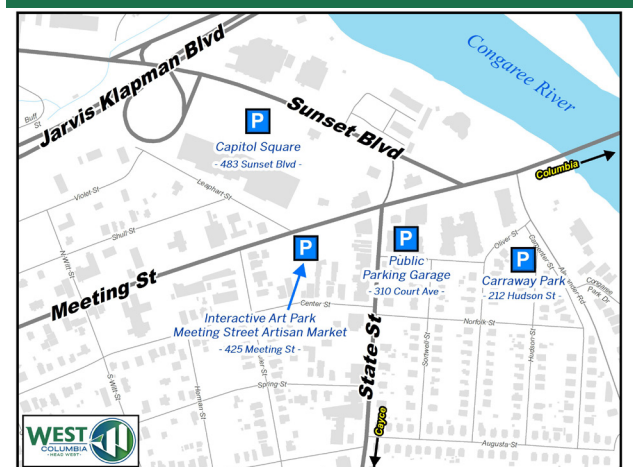


**DAVID MOYE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

This year, Council has made it a priority to give the Augusta Rd/US-1 corridor between 12th Street and Dreher Rd some extra love and attention. We hope that this

will bring to fruition the ongoing efforts to uplift this very important stretch.

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880  
200 N. 12TH STREET, WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169



## WEST COLUMBIA HOST TO MULTIPLE FREE DAY AND EVENING EVENTS THIS SPRING

The City of West Columbia is host to an abundance of free events in the spring including Kinetic Derby Day, Art on State, a Litter Pick-Up Day, and the CWC Chamber Rhythm on the River Spring Concert Series.

Kinetic Derby Day featuring iMAGINE is April 20, from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM on State and Meeting Streets. The event attracts visitors from across the region and highlights the River District in West Columbia. The Kinetic Sculpture Parade leads the way, followed by soapbox and obstacle course racing. State Street transforms into the iMAGINE STEAM Festival. The day includes soapbox and obstacle racing with fun for all ages as teams construct unique vehicles and art installations. Register to build, race, sponsor, and volunteer at [kineticderbyday.com](http://kineticderbyday.com).

The Citywide Litter Pick-Up and Drug Take-Back Day is April 27, 9 AM - 12 PM. Meet at City Hall for a vest, bags, and litter pick-up stick. Pre-register at <http://bit.ly/LitterPickup>.

The 8th Annual Art on State is from 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM, on Friday, May 10. Held on the 100 and 200 blocks of State Street, the free event features a live music lineup with three regional bands. Artists will also paint live murals on the street. Businesses on State Street will be open late with specials for the evening. Come enjoy the beautiful view of the city skyline, dine, stroll, and immerse yourself in art! The CWC Chamber Rhythm on the River Spring Concert Series begins on Saturday, May 18, at the West Columbia Riverwalk Amphitheater, 109 Alexander Rd, and continues through June 1, from 6-9 PM. Weekly band and food truck info can be found at [cwcchamber.com](http://cwcchamber.com).

Get out and enjoy all West Columbia has to offer this Spring.



## VISIT WECO

### #EATLOCAL

ALWAYS ORIGINAL BAKERY  
ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFE  
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  
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 CIENEGA MEXICAN GRILL & SEAFOOD  
LA FOGATA  
LA MORENITA  
LIZARD'S THICKET  
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  
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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## LANGLEY POINTE APARTMENTS OFF OF SUNSET BOULEVARD FEATURE LUXURY ALL AROUND



Langley Pointe Apartments are now leasing.

The Langley Pointe Apartments are open and now leasing. Langley Pointe is a \$60 million high-end apartment complex, with 1, 2, and 3-bedroom units at the intersection of Henbet Drive and Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia.

There are 9 different floor plans, and the apartments feature granite countertops, tile backsplashes, 9-ft. ceilings, sunrooms, and woodgrain flooring. Other amenities include tray ceilings, crown molding, soaking tubs, patios, balconies, and walk-in closets.

The site will ultimately have retail and commercial spaces on a 38 acre parcel. West Columbia Mayor Tem Miles heralded the

announcement of the construction of Langley Pointe. "For decades the City of West Columbia has been working to make redevelopment across our city possible," said Miles. "This project is the latest sign that development is continuing to boom in all parts of our city."

Eve Garcia is the community manager for Langley Pointe.

"We're a complex with resort-inspired amenities," she said. "Langley Pointe is a controlled-access community with a pool and sunning deck with an outdoor kitchen. There is also a fire pit, fitness center, billiards room, pet spa, and bark park. There is a lot of green space, garages, and EV charging stations."

Eve said tenants began moving into the units in March 2024.

## STATE STREET SALON IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN A WEST COLUMBIA BUILDING WITH A LEGACY



State Street Salon at 128 State Street.

place to be."

Kelly is a USC graduate with a master's degree. She taught first grade for 10 years before being compelled to open State Street Salon.

To honor the past legacy of the beauty shop, Kelly has placed photos on the counter from the shop when it was Clark's. Clark's customers, longtime West Columbia residents, are in the photos.

Kelly invites clients to come in for a cut and a style and all special occasions, including weddings, bachelorette parties, prom, pageants, and pampering. The salon offers a variety of haircuts, from curls to trims, along with color and extensions.

Stylists working in State Street Salon are Alaynah Gantt, Kristina Foster, Kyla Russell, Samantha Hernandez, and Savannah Metze. The hours of operation are 9 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Friday, and from 9 AM – 4 PM on Saturday.

There is a new salon in town. State Street Salon opened for business at 128 State Street, West Columbia, in January of 2024.

The property, now revitalized, has a history in the salon industry. It is the former location of Clark's Beauty Shop. Clark's was a staple on State Street for over 60 years and served generations of West Columbia families for their hair care.

The shop was first opened in the 1940s by the current building owner's grandmother, Edia Clark. Her grandson still owns the building and Kelly Howell leases the space.

"We love the location and the history of Clark's Beauty Shop," Kelly said. "We're getting settled in and West Columbia is a great