

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The City of West Columbia is full of energy and growth. From community events to new development projects, we continue to see the results of careful planning and teamwork. Every success we achieve as a city starts with our people. The residents, business owners, city council, staff, police, and fire personnel work together every day to make West Columbia a wonderful place to live, work, and play. We love having our community involved, whether it is by reaching out to council and staff, attending meetings, or sharing feedback. Those interactions and communications help shape our paths forward.

I also want to recognize the outstanding work of our West Columbia police officers. Their dedication to community safety and service is second to none, and our residents and visitors genuinely appreciate their presence. Whether assisting at local events, supporting our schools and businesses, or building relationships with neighbors, our officers represent the best of West Columbia. The relationship between our police department and the community is something special, and we are dedicated to its continued success.

Take advantage of the many chances to connect this October, November, and December. Attend upcoming events, support our local shops and restaurants, and take a walk along the Riverwalk. West Columbia is on the move. Our residents and businesses are engaged, and our community spirit is stronger than ever. Thank you for being such an important part of West Columbia's ongoing success.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.

## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

**SHRED/RECYCLE/DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**  
**CITY HALL PARKING LOT**

**FALL BACK FEST**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025**  
**5:30 - 9:30 PM**  
**100-300 BLOCKS STATE STREET**

**WECO CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025**  
**6:30 PM**  
**CITY HALL LAWN**

**MEETING STREET ARTISAN  
HOLIDAY MARKETS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 13, & 20, 2025**  
**11-3 PM**  
**425 MEETING STREET**

**FREE VALET PARKING  
IN THE RIVER DISTRICT!**  
**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 4 PM - 10 PM**  
**SATURDAYS: 12 PM - 10 PM**  
**DROP OFF AT 425 MEETING STREET**

DISCOVER MORE AT  
[WestColumbiaSC.gov](http://WestColumbiaSC.gov)

## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



### MIKE GREEN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

Southern Living has named City Limits BBQ the No. 1 BBQ joint in the South, and we couldn't be more proud. This achievement highlights not only the hard work and dedication of the owner

but also the unique local flavor that makes West Columbia a destination for both residents and visitors. Congratulations to City Limits BBQ on this well-deserved recognition!



### TREVOR BEVELL

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

Mark your calendars for our 9th Annual Fall Back Fest on November 7 along the 100-300 blocks of State St. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun, music, and community.

Congratulations to Hite's BBQ for being recognized as one of Southern Living's top BBQ restaurants. Well deserved! I look forward to seeing y'all around town this fall and sharing in all the fun our community has to offer.



### GEORGE CROWE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

Don't forget to check out the new Saluda Skyride at Riverbanks Zoo & Garden on the West Columbia side. Take a trip across the river and explore. Please remember to vote in

the Municipal Election on November 4. Your voice matters! As Halloween approaches, I encourage everyone to stay safe and look out for one another.

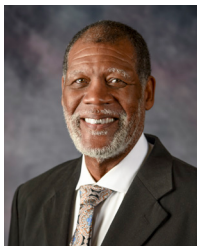


### JOSEPH DICKEY

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

A few reminders for our community this season: Construction related to the Meeting Street Road Improvement Project is upcoming. Road and pedestrian safety,

especially on 9th Street and B Avenue, remains our top priority. Don't forget to join us for Fall Back Fest and enjoy the festivities! As Halloween approaches, please pay extra attention while driving and have a fun and safe trick-or-treating season.



### MICKEY PRINGLE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

The Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center partners with local farmers to offer roadside produce stands and monthly farmers markets, providing communities with

access to affordable, healthy, and organic foods. All info on Brookland-Lakeview programs can be found on their website <https://brooklandlakeview.org/>.



### JIMMY BROOKS

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

Mark your calendars for the Recycle/Shred/Drug Take Back Day on October 25 at City Hall. Bring old electronics to be recycled, documents for shredding, and to

properly dispose of unwanted or expired prescriptions. The City's website and the WeCo Info App will give you the latest details on all upcoming, family-friendly events, including Fall Back Fest, the Christmas Tree Lighting, Santa's Mailbox, and the Holiday Artisan Markets.



### SARAH MATTERN

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

Fall is in full swing, with plenty of fun activities to enjoy. Boo at the Zoo begins October 17. Please join us for our Fall Recycling event at City Hall on Saturday, October 25. Mt. Tabor

Lutheran Church will have Halloween in the Parking Lot on Sunday, October 26. Trinity United Methodist Church, on Gunter Circle, will host its Trunk or Treat event on October 31. Don't forget to vote on November 4!



### DAVID MOYE

#### COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

The SCDOT repaving of Jarvis Klapman Boulevard is well underway, and it's exciting to see our infrastructure improving for residents and visitors alike. This project is more

than just new pavement. Revitalization is building into the heart of our city, strengthening our community and making West Columbia an even better place to live, work, and visit.

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING



(803) 791-1880

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



## NICK’S HOUSE OF PIZZA HAS A NEW LOOK WITH HELP FROM THE CITY’S FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT



Nick’s new facade on Sunset Boulevard.

and align with local design guidelines.

“I’m very grateful for the grant,” said Andrew Gabriel of Nick’s House of Pizza. “I believe it’s important for all West Columbia businesses to look good. I’m glad the City of West Columbia is working to improve Sunset Boulevard’s appearance.”

Nick’s House of Pizza has been part of West Columbia for nearly 30 years. Founder Nick Gabriel grew up in Piraeus, Greece, on the port side of Athens, where he learned to cook traditional Greek dishes from his family. Andrew, Nick’s son, was also born in Piraeus. He moved to Florence, SC, in 1988, where Nick opened Nikos Restaurant. In 1998, Nick and Andrew moved to Columbia, SC, so that Andrew could attend the University of South Carolina. That same year, they opened Nick’s House of Pizza. Nick states that other restaurants with similar concepts and names have opened in the area, but Nick’s is the original and unmatched. Customers describe the atmosphere at Nick’s as “charming and warm.” The service is excellent and friendly. It remains a favorite spot for locals, businesspeople, and visitors alike, and has been for years.

## PUPOLGY GROOMING STUDIO OPENS IN WEST COLUMBIA, TO HELP YOUR PET LOOK THEIR BEST



Pupology opens in West Columbia.

Pupology Grooming Studio is now open at 1730 Augusta Road in West Columbia. Dana Copland is the owner, and she wants your dog to look good and feel good.

“In our shop, we give your dog full attention from the time your pet arrives until we finish grooming. We don’t want to subject you to long wait times. All grooming is done promptly, so your dog will not be here all day,” Dana said.

She has over 30 years of experience grooming pets. Dana also owns a mobile grooming service. Pupology offers specialized hands-on grooming modules tailored for specific dog breeds.

In addition to grooming dogs, Pupology trains dog groomers. Cindy Husbands holds a PhD in animal behavior science and teaches the grooming classes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Pupology provides discounts on supervised grooming sessions conducted by trainees.

Dana, who is from Tennessee, mentioned she has been warmly welcomed in West Columbia. She also noted the City of West Columbia was very quick to help her get her facility zoned for her business.

“There are really good people here,” Dana said. “And the mayor (Tem Miles) has been very responsive and made opening an easy and enjoyable process.”

## THE ROGUE FAMILY HAIR CENTER HAS BEEN AN INSTITUTION IN WEST COLUMBIA FOR DECADES



The Rogue on Sunset Boulevard.

The Rogue Family Hair Center, situated at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Arehart Street, has been a staple in West Columbia for nearly 45 years. It was established by the Norris Family in 1982, and they have been part of it ever since.

The Norris family includes parents Laverne and Gail, their son Buddy, and their daughter Reba Horton.

“My father has been cutting hair since 1962,” Buddy said. “My sister Reba has been cutting hair for 44 years, and I’ve been doing it for 42 years.” Gail also cuts hair, but now works the front desk once a week. Laverne comes in on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Buddy mentioned that before The Rogue moved to its current

location, it was a couple of miles east on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia.

He added that the family enjoys doing business in West Columbia. “We have a great relationship with the City of West Columbia, and we wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Buddy also shared that he cuts the hair of some notable dignitaries. His clients include West Columbia Mayor Tem Miles, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis, and U.S. District Judge Joe Anderson.

The shop is known by its customers as a friendly, family-owned business with wonderful people who always greet you with a smile.

A Google review states: “Reba is the best hair stylist I’ve ever had. My hair is always perfect when I leave.” Another review said: “Buddy has been cutting my hair for years. He is not just my barber, he’s my friend.”

## 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  
THE CAKE HOUSE CASA DE PASTEL CABANAS  
CAFE STRUDEL WEST COLUMBIA  
CALLOWAY’S SPORTS BAR & GRILL  
CHAYZ LOUNGE  
CHINA HUT III  
CITY LIMITS Q  
CRAVE ARTISAN SPECIALTY MARKET  
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  
JJS PLACE  
LA CIENEGA MEXICAN GRILL & SEAFOOD  
LA FOGATA  
LA MORENITA  
LIZARD’S THICKET  
LOS PAISANOS  
MAI THAI CUISINE  
MANNY’S  
MAURICE’S PIGGIE PARK  
MI TIERRA DE MAIZ  
NICK’S HOUSE OF PIZZA  
NO. 1 CHINA  
ODALY’S BAKERY  
PHO & BÁNH MÌ  
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  
THAI DELICACIES  
THE HIDEOUT IN WECO  
TRUE BBQ  
WHAT-A-BURGER  
ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA

**#SHOPLOCAL**  
763 ANTIQUE MALL  
ABOUT FACE WELLNESS & MEDICAL SPA  
ABOUT YOU AESTHETICS  
ATTIC FANATIC  
BILL’S MUSIC SHOP & PICKIN’ PARLOR  
COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY  
ECLECTIC EDGE WOODWORKS  
ED’S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE  
GARDEN & RELIC  
GOLD LINE FRAMING  
GLASSIE LADIES  
INDIGO PROPER  
MEETING STREET INTERIORS  
NEW BROOKLAND RAILROAD & HOBBY  
OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL  
OUTDOOR WOOD FURNITURE  
SCRATCH & SPIN  
SIGHTLER’S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE  
SPA MD  
STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY  
STEVEN WHETSTONE FINE ART  
STONE BOOT COMPANY  
THE WAREHOUSE  
THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES  
TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY  
WEST END INTERIORS  
WEST POINT COINS, LLC

