

# CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2026



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we enter June and July, there is so much to celebrate in West Columbia. The City recently hosted another successful Meeting Street Music Festival, drawing thousands of visitors to our River District. Our 8th Annual Art on State once again showcased the creativity, culture, and community spirit that make West Columbia such a special place to live, work, and visit. We also look forward to the West Columbia Beautification Foundation's 10th Annual Taste on the River on June 11. Purchase your tickets at [bit.ly/TOTR2026](https://bit.ly/TOTR2026).

Summer also marks the return of one of our favorite traditions, Rhythm on the River. Organized by the Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce, this free concert series has brought live music and community together for more than 20 years. This year's series features performances throughout the River District at local businesses, offering more chances to enjoy great music while supporting nearby restaurants, shops, and entertainment spots. For schedules and details, visit [VisitCWC.com](https://VisitCWC.com).

Your input is vital as we plan future transportation projects in the Midlands. The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) is seeking feedback from residents and workers in Newberry, Fairfield, Lexington, and Richland counties to guide transportation resilience and infrastructure planning for years to come. I encourage everyone to scan the QR code in the newsletter or visit <https://sc-stateplanning.com/central-midlands-council-governments> to participate. Together, we can continue building a stronger, safer, and more connected West Columbia and Midlands region for generations to come.

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

## RIVER DISTRICT FREE PARKING

**INTERACTIVE ART PARK**  
425 MEETING ST.

**FREE VALET DROP OFF**  
THURS & FRI (4 – 10 PM)  
SAT (12 PM – 10 PM)

**CAPITOL SQUARE/OLD PELICAN'S**  
420 MEETING ST.  
**BROOKLAND PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE**  
310 COURT AVE.

**BROOKLAND PARKING DECK**  
(AVAILABLE 7 AM – 6 PM)

**106 OLIVER ST.**  
**CARRAWAY PARK**  
212 HUDSON ST.  
**RIVERWALK AMPHITHEATER**

**109 ALEXANDER RD.**  
**FIRST COMMUNITY BANK**  
506 MEETING ST.  
(THURS & FRI AFTER 5:30 PM, SAT & SUN)

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

## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



**MIKE GREEN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

We have a lot of new activity in our District! The medians along Highway 1 are nearly finished. Bids for landscaping and irrigation were submitted in mid-May. A new Bank of America is under construction on the south side of Highway 1 as you exit I-26. Additionally, Westside Plaza has restriped its parking lot to improve shopper convenience and experience.



**TREVOR BEVELL**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

Summer has arrived, and West Columbia offers a variety of exciting activities. Visit Michael Mayo at Palmetto Outdoor to celebrate 20 years of rafting and Saluda River adventures. It is worth it. Also, keep in mind the city employees working in the heat and offer them some kindness.



**GEORGE CROWE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

Schools are out, and summer is here. Vacations are underway, so please travel safely. There's plenty to do in WECO. Mark your calendar for the 10th annual Taste on the River on Thursday, June 11th, from 5:30-9:00 PM at Stone River. It's a spectacular lineup of local favorite restaurants supporting our Beautification Foundation. Have a fun and safe summer, and remember, West Side is the best side.



**JOSEPH DICKEY**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

The Mill Village Area Infrastructure project is on schedule, with paving the alleyways and work on Alexander Road underway. The storm drain on Norfolk Street alley is installed, and all Mill Village customers are connected to the new water system. For regular updates, go to [westcolumbiasc.gov/riverdistrictprojects/](https://westcolumbiasc.gov/riverdistrictprojects/). For questions or concerns, contact [riverdistrictprojects@westcolumbiasc.gov](mailto:riverdistrictprojects@westcolumbiasc.gov) or 803-939-8625.

The Meeting Street Road Improvement Project is progressing. Plans are with SCDOT, and construction is expected to begin in early fall. The Riverwalk work near the take-out, put-in, entrance sidewalk, and parking area will start in June, with signage to guide visitors.



**P. COOKIE HOLMES**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

Let's congratulate the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) on receiving a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant from Lexington County and HUD to build a new concession stand, an ADA-accessible restroom, and a press box at the Brooks-Fair-Danner Athletic Field. This investment will enhance recreational opportunities, improve accessibility, and provide better amenities for families, athletes, and visitors across our community. BLEC remains a tremendous asset to West Columbia, and I encourage residents to take advantage of its event venues and the upcoming Community Baby Shower on June 20, which will provide essential resources to local families.



**JIMMY BROOKS**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

One of the things that makes West Columbia special is that we look out for one another. As we spend more time outdoors this summer, please remember to lock your vehicle doors, secure your home, and keep valuables out of sight. A little situational awareness and neighborly attention can go a long way toward keeping our community safe and welcoming. Always report anything suspicious to the WCPD at (803) 794-0721, Opt. 2, or 911 in an emergency.



**SARAH MATTERN**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

There is plenty to do this summer! Riverbanks Zoo's Toucan Tuesdays return on June 9, with buy-one-get-one admission and regular-sized ICEEs when you donate two nonperishable food items for Harvest Hope. The annual food drive runs every Tuesday through Aug. 11, with a goal of collecting 5,000 pounds of food. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, Final Victory on N. Lucas is always looking for dog walkers and foster families.



**DAVID MOYE**  
COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

Want a cooler yard and neighborhood? Plant a tree. Native trees are the best choice because they thrive here, provide shade, and support local wildlife. Need help choosing a tree that fits your yard and maintenance goals? Contact Clemson Extension or the Clemson Home & Garden Information Center for free expert advice.

## IKIE LU RECORD CLUB BRINGS A COOL VIBE AND A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE TO WEST COLUMBIA



Ikie Lu in West Columbia.

Ikie Lu Record Club has quickly become a West Columbia favorite. It's a Jazz Kissa, Restaurant, and Wine and Cocktail Bar that plays vintage records at 601 N. Lucas St. Matt Catchpole, the owner, spent nearly a year renovating the building to create its unique style. They celebrated their grand opening in February and hosted a ribbon cutting in April. It's named after Matt's grandmother, whose nickname was "Ikie Lu." It's currently open to the public Thursday through Saturday, with availability for private gatherings at other times.

Ikie Lu Record Club is one of the most distinctive venues in the

entire metropolitan area. The space is inviting, with comfortable sofas and chairs to relax on while you listen to vinyl records, surrounded by art on the walls and plenty of plants decorating the room.

Matt said he opened Ikie Lu Record Club to share some of the finest things with the people of West Columbia. He also said his design theme is influenced by the Jazz Kissa movement in Japan, which features small, intimate spaces conducive to focusing on the music, where you can relax and enjoy the atmosphere while the utmost in hospitality is offered. The sound system reaches every corner of the room, delivering crisp, clear sound.

While the wine and drink selection at Ikie Lu Record Club is distinctive, the food shines as well. Matt has a strong background in the restaurant industry, and his menu is a priority, with a focus on quality.

At Ikie Lu, they aim to introduce a global menu in a relaxed and welcoming way. Two menu staples are tuna tartar and the soft-shell crab sandwich. They also serve caviar hot dogs, shrimp rolls, and house-made pimento cheese served on seasoned saltine crackers. Matt mentioned that there are three or four core items at Ikie Lu that will stay the same, with others rotating in as specials.

## SIGNATURE CATERING OFFERS AWARD-WINNING DISHES THAT ARE FRESH, TASTY, AND EASY



Signature Catering and Market.

Signature Catering and Market at 509 Meeting Street in West Columbia is your neighborhood destination for chef-prepared meals, fresh salads, artisan sandwiches, drinks, and gifts, plus full-service catering. It is a great option for grab-and-go lunches or take-home dinners, featuring award-winning shrimp and grits.

Signature Catering also offers dips and spreads, homemade soups, quiche, and breakfast bakes. Signature Catering can handle any event, large or small.

"Our goal is to offer deliciously thoughtful options made fresh every day with a taste you won't find elsewhere. We want you to come back

again and again," said Richard Couture, the owner of Signature Catering and Market.

Richard said that since opening two years ago, he has come to love his spot in West Columbia's River District.

"This location is great," he said. "I feel like a strong member of this community, and my neighbors, and many from even further away, have been very loyal to Signature Catering and Market."

Richard also said that the West Columbia Beautification Foundation's "Taste on the River," held in June, offers another opportunity to share his menu with area residents.

"Taste on the River is a unique West Columbia event. It allows me the occasion to meet a lot of people and show them what we have to offer."

## SOUTHERN UROGYNECOLOGY WELLNESS AND AESTHETICS SERVING THOUSANDS OF WOMEN



Southern Urogynecology and Wellness.

Southern Urogynecology Wellness and Aesthetics was founded in 2010 by Dr. Andrea Pezzella. The clinic, located near Lexington Health in West Columbia, provides women's health and wellness solutions and aesthetic treatments that enhance natural beauty. It specializes in pelvic floor disorders, urinary incontinence, and intimate wellness, using a "For Women, By Women" approach that prioritizes patient comfort and care.

"We're here to support confidence from the inside out," said Dr. Pezzella, a board-certified Urogynecologist.

Dr. Pezzella started Southern Urogynecology Wellness and Aesthetics with a staff of three. In the fall of 2025, she celebrated

15 years with the opening of SU Surgical Associates, a surgery center. The facility now has more than 20 staff members. The new surgery center, located next to the clinic, provides advanced, minimally invasive procedures in a women-centered environment, offering faster recovery times and the same safety standards as hospital care.

Over the years, Southern Urogynecology has earned multiple Centers of Excellence certifications and continues to lead in innovation, education, and clinical trials shaping the future of women's health care.

Understanding patients is important. "We're here to listen, explain, and help you understand what's going on in your body so you can feel confident regarding treatment," said Dr. Pezzella.

Surgical Associates is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health, reflecting a commitment to safe, high-quality, patient-centered care.

## SHOP LOCAL IN WECO

763 ANTIQUE MALL  
 ABOUT FACE WELLNESS & MEDICAL SPA  
 ATTIC FANATIC  
 BILL'S MUSIC SHOP & PICKIN' PARLOR  
 COLUMBIA FLAG & SIGN COMPANY  
 ED'S EDITIONS BOOKSTORE  
 GOLD LINE FRAMING  
 GLASSIE LADIES  
 INDIGO PROPER  
 MEETING STREET INTERIORS  
 PAPER PRO INC  
 NEW BROOKLAND RAILROAD & HOBBY  
 OLD MILL ANTIQUE MALL  
 OUTDOOR WOOD FURNITURE  
 SCRATCH & SPIN  
 SIGHTLER'S FLORIST & MARKETPLACE  
 SNEAK A PEEK BOUTIQUE  
 SPA MD  
 SPLURGE! CREATIVE SUPPLIES EMPORIUM  
 STEVEN WHETSTONE FINE ART  
 STONE BOOT COMPANY  
 THE WAREHOUSE  
 THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES  
 TROPIC AIRE PATIO GALLERY  
 WEST END INTERIORS  
 WEST POINT COINS, LLC



## HAPPENINGS IN WECO

**10TH ANNUAL TASTE ON THE RIVER**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026**  
**5:30 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**STONE RIVER**  
**PURCHASE TICKETS: BIT.LY/TOTR2026**

**CWC CHAMBER**  
**RHYTHM ON THE RIVER DISTRICT**  
**FREE CONCERT SERIES**

**JUNE 11: D'S WINGS, 5-8 PM**  
**JUNE 13: SAVAGE CRAFT STAGE, 6-9 PM**  
**JUNE 18: IKIE LU RECORD CLUB, 5-8 PM**  
**JUNE 20: SAVAGE CRAFT STAGE, 6-9 PM**

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**RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT**  
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