

CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In these uncertain times, we are here for our residents as a council. Our city staff continues to serve the citizens of West Columbia, providing the high standards of service that residents are accustomed.

Council continues to move city business forward during the COVID-19 crisis while adapting to social distancing practices. We have moved all public meetings to Virtual GoToMeetings. Information for connecting and attending these meetings will be posted online and posted to our website.

I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of the City of West Columbia as your Mayor. Our new City Council members are working hard to continue the

progress of past councils and expand on the planned growth happening in West Columbia. Council completed the January visioning session and outlined the goals and priorities for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

We are working to provide additional infrastructure along the Sunset Boulevard corridor to accommodate future commercial development. We continue to see great revitalization activity in the State Street, Meeting Street, and Center Street areas. Savage Craft Ale Works is under construction in the original West Columbia City Hall. Developer Joe Taylor is in the process of constructing 34 single family homes off of Center Street, and there are at least two additional similar projects that are in the initial development stages in that same area. We are excited to see this improvement come after the investment the City made in the formerly vacant four acre tract of property at Meeting and State Streets. The free public parking garage at the Brookland Development and the parking at Carraway Park are open and we are working on additional parking along Alexander Road to accommodate visitors at the Riverwalk, when the COVID-19 Crisis is over.

We urge residents to follow the CDC Guidelines of social distancing. Please stay home, if possible. Remember to support our small businesses during this time. Please contact me, at 803-351-8754, with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.



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MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL



MIKE GREEN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #1

Wilton Road is open! Remember to drive the speed limit. The recent rains have caused more pot holes to appear. Please contact me, at 803-563-

8085, and I will report them to the SCDOT. We have many new businesses that recently opened and are opening soon. Do your best to support them by using their take-out menu during the COVID-19 pandemic.



TREVOR BEDELL

COUNCIL DISTRICT #2

I hope each of you are safe and healthy during this crisis. Our city is operating more efficiently than ever. We are here for you. Please accept our sincerest apologies for all of the

recent closures and changes. We appreciate your patience and look forward to the summer.

If you need to reach me please call or text me at 803- 331-4866 or tbedell@westcolumbiasc.gov.



CASEY J. HALLMAN

COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

Artist Laura Day is a local West Columbia resident who participates in our Meeting Street Artisan Market and has participated in Art on State and Fall Back Fest. We are privileged

to have her and many other talented artists in the City.



JOSEPH DICKEY

COUNCIL DISTRICT #4

Please continue to support our local businesses and each other as we navigate these uncertain times.

Progress has been blossoming in our River District Area! The St. Ann's Alley project, Savage Craft Ale Works, and renovations to the fronts of many storefronts along State Street will bring new life to our district. Norfolk Street repaving is complete and the dip between Norfolk and Alexander has been fixed. We are diligently working with SCDOT on the Riverwalk Phase 2 Parking Project, which includes additional parking near Alexander Road. I look forward to us moving past this pandemic together. Until then, I encourage everyone to stay safe by practicing social distancing, washing hands, and staying home.



ERIN P. PORTER

COUNCIL DISTRICT #7

We would love to have everyone in the district place a teddy bear in the window for children to go on a "Bear Hunt". The SCDOT traffic calming plan is being implemented

in the Saluda Gardens neighborhood. There will be updates and enhancements to pavements markings as well as added stop signs and 4-way stops. Please slow down and be aware while driving for the new traffic control measures.

Follow the Saluda Gardens Facebook page for the latest information about our district.



DAVID MOYE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #8

District 8 was a strong community before COVID-19 and we will be strong after the COVID-19 crisis. We can help lower the economic consequences of the COVID-19 shutdown by shopping locally.

Dollars spent at locally owned businesses are dollars that STAY LOCAL. Many West Columbia food businesses now offer takeout and delivery options for the quarantine period. Please take this crisis seriously and limit your interactions with others. Especially, do your best to assist high risk individuals (the elderly and people with respiratory conditions and heart issues) to limit their interactions with others.



MICKEY PRINGLE

COUNCIL DISTRICT #5

We have many different spots available with free public wi-fi for those looking to connect for e-learning. The school district is providing meals and resources throughout the e-learning process. More information can be found at lex2.org. Please call me, if you need assistance.



JIMMY BROOKS

COUNCIL DISTRICT #6

As the weather gets warmer, we tend to see an increase in foot traffic in our district, especially now with everyone at home from school and work. Please call the non-emergency dispatch number, 803-794-0721, Opt. 1, to report any suspicious activity. Call me anytime at 864-630-9854.

DOCTOR KELLI SAVIA PROVIDES ADVICE FOR WEST COLUMBIANS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS



Dr. Kelli Savia is a Lexington Medical Center physician who has some advice for dealing with the coronavirus.

"Hand washing is possibly the most-doable action we can take to help get rid of the virus," said Savia. "Wash your hands vigorously for 20 seconds."

And that's not all "Don't touch your face," said Savia. She said that is a habit that is harder to break because it is a natural action.

In her doctor's office, Savia said all of the staff uses personal protective equipment. Since social distancing is more difficult in the doctor-patient relationship, Savia said her office is not seeing the same level of patient volume as it did before the coronavirus pandemic, so she encourages tele-health communication.

"We're really pushing tele-health," said Savia.

The tele-health video sessions are incorporated for routine issues and acute symptoms, said Savia. Call your healthcare provider and ask about tele-health.

Savia also said the coronavirus pandemic is a subject your children may have questions about. She said it's good to address their concerns, answering in an age-appropriate manner.

"Remind them that they have gone through hard things," said Savia. "We will get through this. It's not forever," she said. She also advised families to take advantage of the situation to spend time together and connect.

WEST COLUMBIA CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The City of West Columbia has taken measures to protect citizens and minimize opportunities to spread COVID-19 in the community. Taking into consideration the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations on social distancing and the measures being taken across the nation including travel bans, school closures, quarantines, and event cancellations, the City is taking the following precautionary measures while continuing to provide the highest quality of service possible:

- Access to public buildings will be restricted, as necessary.
- Customer Service building access is restricted.
- Payment will be accepted over the phone, online, by mail, drive-thru window, and drop-box at City Hall, 200 N. 12th Street, West Columbia, SC.
 - o NO FEES for online and pay-by-phone credit card payments (westcolumbiasc.gov or 866-238-4103).
- Fees do apply for in-person credit card payments at City Hall.
- Business License renewals can be processed online or mailed in. Staff will then create a bill to be mailed or submitted back to the owner.
- Permits, licensing, and payment assistance will be handled online, by phone, or by appointment only.
 - o For new water/sewer service and water/sewer issues, call 803-791-1880
 - o For the Building and Planning and Zoning Departments, call 803-939-3183
 - o For Business Licensing, call 803-936-6285
- Requests for water to be restored, payment arrangement, and delinquency procedures will be modified. Please call 803-791-1880 or go to the City of West Columbia website for more information.
- City parks and community centers are closed until further notice, including all playground equipment, tennis courts, picnic shelters, and restroom facilities.
- All events held in the New Brookland Room and the Community Center, through April 30, are canceled. Organizers will be notified. For questions, call 803-936-6279.
- Kinetic Derby Day is rescheduled to September 26. More information at kineticderbyday.com.
- Art on State is canceled.

Municipal Court

In accordance with the South Carolina Chief Justice's directive all court including traffic court through May 2020, is canceled.

All other Court sessions will be canceled, effective March 17, 2020, and all sessions will be rescheduled. All parties to cases other than traffic court will be notified of the new, rescheduled dates. Bond hearings will continue to be held at least once a day as normal at the Lexington County Detention Center, on Gibson Road, in Lexington.

Payment of fines can be done by mail or on the online state system any time before the scheduled court date.

SANITATION SERVICES

Household Garbage and Recycling will be collected simultaneously. No loose garbage or bags outside of a roll cart will be collected. All garbage and recycling MUST be contained inside of a roll cart. Our crews are working around the clock to collect the large amounts of yard trash. Please be patient as they make their rounds for pickup.

Route Changes

- Household Garbage and Recycling Normally collected on Mondays and Tuesdays will ALL be collected on TUESDAYS
- Household Garbage and Recycling Normally collected on Wednesday and Thursdays will ALL be collected on THURSDAYS
- Yard Trash will be collected Monday through Saturday

SPECIAL PICKUPS are suspended until further notice.

For general questions about COVID-19, residents should visit the DHEC website, at scdhec.gov/COVID19, or the CDC website, cdc.gov.



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DELUCCA'S ITALIAN GRILL
EGGROLL STATION
GRECIAN GARDENS RESTAURANT
GROUCHO'S DELI
HITE'S BBQ
JIMMY'S MINI MART/CITGO
JIN JIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
LIZARD'S THICKET
MAI THAI CUISINE
MANNY'S
MAURICE'S PIGGIE PARK
MONTERREY MEXICAN RESTAURANT
NEW BROOKLAND TAVERN
NICK'S HOUSE OF PIZZA
PALATE
PARKLAND CAKES
PRIMAL GOURMET KITCHEN + MARKET
RUSH'S FABULOUS FOOD ... FAST!
THE ORIGINAL BRUNCHES
TRUE BBQ
ZESTO OF WEST COLUMBIA

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SPA 131
STATE STREET TRADING COMPANY
STONE BOOT COMPANY
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THE TRAC GALLERY - TWIN RABBIT ARTIST
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THE WAREHOUSE
THREE OAKS FLORIST AND INTERIORS
THREE RIVERS ANTIQUES
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