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## Letter from the President

A new year is upon us and it's time to think back and look ahead. 2010 was a great year for Shandon. The year began with Shandon receiving additional protection under the city's zoning laws to help preserve the neighborhood's historical nature and feel. This was the result of many months of hard work by neighborhood leadership and residents. Over 400 homeowners participated in the neighborhood-wide vote and several residents spoke at the public hearings.

Later in the year, Shandon spoke out against the granting of an easement in Sims Park to a utility company. The day after the neighborhood spoke, the issue was dropped. Additionally, the neighborhood received a grant from Columbia Green to improve the landscaping in the common area at the corner of Harden and Heyward Streets. More recently, the neighborhood dedicated a bench to Mayor Coble (pictured below), a long-time Shandon resident. The bench, which is located in Sims Park, represents our appreciation for Mayor Coble's many years of service to the city and to Shandon.

The neighborhood also hosted several events. In the spring, Shandon held its first-ever egg hunt in Emily Douglas Park. Children searched for the golden egg, dyed eggs at the egg-coloring station, and enjoyed cookies and snacks. In August, the neighborhood participated in National Night Out, an event that is intended to show that the neighborhood is united against crime. Hot dogs and ice cream were served at Sims Park. In November, Shandon hosted the Turkey Trot, an annual road race that attracts runners and walkers from across the city. The 2010 race had the highest

level of participation that the race has had in years. Finally, in December, the neighborhood hosted the annual Homes for the Holidays Tour, featuring some of Shandon's finest homes, old and new. And to top it all off, Shandon was voted Best Neighborhood by readers of *The State*.

What a year it's been and what a year 2011 will be. I hope that we will continue to come together as a neighborhood when it matters most, and that we will continue to look out for one another as good neighbors do. The neighborhood council will continue to be a sounding board for your ideas and concerns, and will provide leadership and a voice when necessary. Please let us know how we can serve you in 2011.

Here's to another great year.

Sincerely,  
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## Letter from your County Councilman and Shandon Neighbor, Seth Rose

Dear Shandon Neighbors,

It has been a pleasure serving you on the neighborhood council and I am honored to be your incoming Richland County Council representative. I will be sworn in on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. (in Council Chambers at 2020 Hampton Street) by the Honorable Judge Casey Manning.



I am truly humbled by your belief and faith in me and I pledge to work hard each day to earn your support. You can count on me to always put your concerns first, and I believe elected officials should be accessible and accountable to ALL constituents. If there's anything you need my help with or any question I can answer, please contact me on my cell phone at (803)361-2360 or at my law office (803)779-0100.

Most sincerely,

Your neighbor & friend,

Seth Rose



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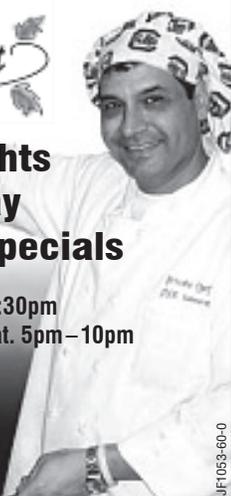


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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Fire House 9, located on Devine Street between Maple and Holly, is home to eight firefighters each day and every night of the year. We are part of the First Battalion, which protects most of the downtown area, and operate two fire trucks: a pumper that brings the water and hoses to the fire, and a ladder truck that supports the firefighters on the hose lines. Every piece of equipment and hour of training helps us fulfill our two-part mission to save life and protect property.

Fire departments are continuously evolving to meet the needs of the citizens we serve. We rescue trapped occupants and extinguish the fires in homes and commercial structures. We suppress fires in vehicles, rubbish, and grass/brush/woods. We aid in handling medical emergencies and potentially life threatening injuries. We stabilize vehicle accidents, and extricate entrapped occupants from the worst of these. We mitigate incidents involving hazardous materials such as fuel spills and toxic gas releases. We can even help retrieve cats from trees.

However, the most effective tactic that our profession has had in handling these and other emergency threats is to help prevent them in the first place. Fire education has helped us save an untold number of lives. Firefighters take an oath of vigilance toward public safety, but for the most part we can only react to hazards. We need your help for prevention.

### January Safety Tip:

During this cold winter we need you to pay close attention to the use of space heaters. The Columbia Fire Department discourages the use of these appliances, but if they are necessary we ask you to follow these safety rules:

- Purchase heaters with automatic shutoff features.
- Keep heating appliances 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Unplug the unit when it's not in use, when leaving the room, and before going to bed.
- Plug heaters directly into an electrical outlet. Do not use extension cords.

And ensure that you have operating smoke detectors in your home. For the *minimum* protection, provide at least one smoke detector on each level of your home outside of sleeping areas. For *maximum* protection, install smoke detectors in each bedroom, outside of all sleeping areas, and at least one on each level of the home.

Stay warm and safe.

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## Southern Fried Fuel: From Cooking Oil to Trash Truck Fuel



The City of Columbia recently announced a new environmental initiative, Southern Fried Fuel: From Cooking Oil to Trash Truck Fuel. In this two-part initiative, the City of Columbia has established a residential used cooking oil recycling drop off

program. The cooking oil collected will then be converted into biofuel and used to power one of the City's garbage trucks, as well as other City vehicles.

Why is this important?

It can save money associated with waste water maintenance. It will help air quality and the environment. It will benefit the local economy.

### Used Cooking Oil Recycling Program Guidelines:

The program is available for City of Columbia residents only.

City residents may drop off used cooking oil and grease for recycling at the Public Works Facility, 2910 Colonial Drive, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Residents should transport used oil in a clean, non-breakable, leak-proof container with a tight lid. Cooking oil should be free of water, soap suds and food scraps.

After recycling the cooking oil, residents should take back the containers for reuse, recycling or proper disposal.

All types of cooking oils, fats and grease are accepted, but they cannot be mixed with motor oil.

Motor oil is not accepted for recycling at the Public Works Facility. For used motor oil recycling sites, call DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling at 1-800-SO-USE-IT.



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## Recipe Corner

### Richard's Shrimp Dip

*(Reprint due to incomplete ingredient list in the last issue)*

*"This is a great appetizer recipe I got from a good friend in my Supper Club." –Julie Ruff*

- 2 lbs. chopped shrimp
- 3 T. mayo
- 2 cloves garlic - chopped
- ½ stick unsalted butter
- 1 T. Old Bay
- 1 T. Lavender's Seasoning (found at The Fresh Market)
- 2 T. worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- 24 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup sharp grated cheese

Mix cream cheese, mayo and seasonings. Sauté shrimp in butter and garlic and when done mix into cream cheese mixture. Place in baking pan, cover with cheese and almonds and bake at 350 degrees (uncovered) for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly.

### Cabbage Casserole

*This recipe was sent in by Shandon resident Helen Foley, whose mother used to make this, and she has continued the tradition!*

- Medium head of cabbage
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese
- ¾ cup finely diced onion
- Milk - enough to cover the cabbage
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup original Wheat Thins
- 4 pats of butter

Cut cabbage crosswise in ½ inch strips. Place in buttered casserole dish and toss with cheese and onion. Add salt and pepper to taste. Almost cover cabbage with milk and 2 eggs whipped together. Blend Wheat Thins to make crumbs for the topping. Put 4 pats of butter around the top, place in pre-heated 350-degree oven. Bake for approximately 45 minutes to an hour until top browns and casserole stiffens to macaroni and cheese consistency.

*We would love to have recipes sent in for the newsletter, so if you have one to share contact Julie Ruff at [jlruff@sc.rr.com](mailto:jlruff@sc.rr.com).*



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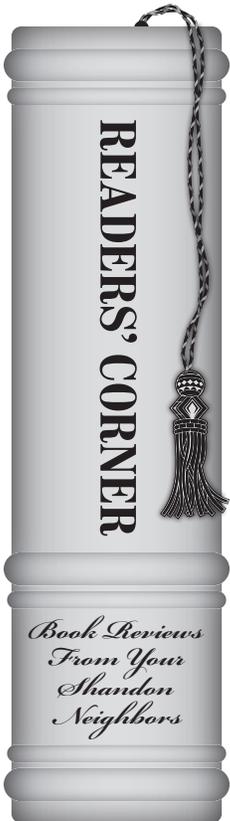
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### THINK GLOBAL, DRINK LOCAL:

To manufacture a year's supply of bottled water takes **over 1.5 million barrels of oil**—that's enough oil to fuel **100,000** cars.

On top of that, the City of Columbia boasts one of the nation's best tasting tap waters!

**2011 Meetings of the Shandon Neighborhood Council:** **January 11**, 6:15 pm at Sims Park • **March 8**, Annual Meeting, 6:15 pm (Location TBD) • **May 10**, 6:15 pm at Emily Douglas Park



## The Help, by Kathryn Stockett

*Reveiwed by Caroline Clarkson*

How will future generations view the way our current society interacts? That question led to some wonderful dialogue recently among a group of friends who had all read *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The book describes many complex relationships between people in Jackson, Mississippi in the 1960's. Skeeter, a recent graduate from Ole Miss, is the daughter of a family who have been Mississippi land owners for many generations and want to see her earn her MRS degree. Aibileen is a gentle yet firm black maid who is raising her seventeenth white child. Aibileen's best friend, Minny, is a short, fat, feisty maid who loses countless jobs due to her inability to hold her tongue. It was easy for us to sit and judge the way the characters treated one another, but how would we have judged this book fifty years ago? If you're looking for a thought-provoking book filled with a wide range of emotions ranging from agony to humor, yet leaves you full of hope, pick up a copy of *The Help*, sit back and enjoy.

## Burglary Prevention Tips

Here are a few tips to help you avoid being a victim of a burglary:

1. Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
2. Lock all outside doors and windows before leaving or going to bed.
3. Leave lights on when you go out and when you are going to be away for any length of time.
4. Arrange for your lawn to be mowed and mail picked up if you are going to be away for an extended time.
5. Always, always report suspicious activity to Police (911 or 252-2911).

When possible, join your neighborhood association and be active in your community.

For more crime prevention tips or a home survey, contact our Crime Prevention Unit at (803)545-3555.