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## Letter from SNC President Charles Appleby



My name is Charles Appleby and I feel truly blessed to start my one year term serving this beautiful and vibrant neighborhood as President of the SNC. There are many great individuals who have previously served in this role including Ron Burns, Caroline Clarkson, Carla Moore, Tina Cundari and John Myrick, just to name a few. I personally learned a great deal from each and therefore, first and foremost, want to thank them for their past and continued leadership in the neighborhood.

Next, I want to recognize all the members of the neighborhood council as they are the backbone of our great group. Unfortunately, I do not have room to list all those who have served on the council, but do want to recognize those whose terms most recently ended, Jesse Burke, Jane Key and Caroline Clarkson. The entire council thanks them, and all those who have previously served on the council, for their many years of thoughtful leadership and service.

With the ending of one member's term comes the start of a new member's term and we are very excited to welcome each of our new incoming council members: Lois Elijah, Sally Foster, Martha Johnson and Mary Roe. These members, along with all returning council members, will bring a new enthusiasm to our neighborhood projects which you can find, along with other helpful information, on our website, [www.shandonneighborhood.com](http://www.shandonneighborhood.com).

Remember, though, you don't have to be a council member to volunteer, suggest ideas or get involved. We want and need your input and help. We invite you to attend our bi-monthly meetings, as well as one or more of our great annual events including the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Turkey Trot and Holiday Homes Tour. A regular aspect of our bi-monthly meetings is a report from the city police as well as comments from city and county elected officials which provide great opportunities to discuss current issues of interest. In addition, all of our annual events are fun for the entire family! Dates for the upcoming meetings and events are as follows:

- April 4 at 9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt at Sims Park
- May 11 at 6:15 pm - Neighborhood Meeting at Emily Douglas Park
- July 13 at 6:15 pm - Neighborhood Meeting at Sims Park
- August TBD - National Night Out
- September 14 at 6:15 pm - Neighborhood Meeting at Emily Douglas Park
- November 9 at 6:15 pm - Neighborhood Meeting at Sims Park
- November TBD - Turkey Trot
- December 6 - Holiday Homes Tour

Lastly, we want to thank Julie Ruff for her service in organizing and putting together our neighborhood newsletter. After many years of providing an incredible newsletter, Julie has decided to step down as editor after this issue and tap Ron Burns as the incoming editor. We cannot thank Julie enough for all her hard work!

We are looking forward to an incredible year and if you have any suggestions for the neighborhood council, or questions about how you and your family can get more involved in the neighborhood, please let me know. My wife, Stacey, and I love the Shandon neighborhood and I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

*Charles Appleby*

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Please join us for a security seminar immediately following our May 11 Neighborhood Meeting! This will be a short class on how to use an inexpensive and easy to install IP camera to make your home and neighborhood more secure.

### 6TH ANNUAL Shandon Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

The Sixth Annual Shandon Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, at 9 am, at Sims Park for children ages 10 and under. Eggs will be hidden all over the park, and there will be two "golden" eggs hidden with special prizes for the lucky finders. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance!

There is a \$3 suggested donation per child. For more information, contact Julie Ruff at [jlruuff@sc.rr.com](mailto:jlruuff@sc.rr.com).

We look forward to seeing a lot of our neighborhood children at this great, fun event!!





By Ron Burns, M.D.

The 2015 Belinda Gergel Award for outstanding community service and leadership was presented to Julie Ruff at the annual plenary meeting of the Shandon Neighborhood Council on March 9. The honor was further extended by the presence of Dr. Gergel herself, who travelled from Charleston and spoke of the importance of community involvement. Having spent time working in Columbia city government, Julie has used her knowledge of people and processes to assist the Shandon community in activities ranging from road repair to the establishment of a protective community architectural standard. She served for 8 years on Shandon Neighborhood Council and has been the Editor of the newsletter for more than 5 years. Julie also serves on the Holiday Home Tour committee. The Tour is a joint activity of the Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhoods which raises money that benefits the four public schools serving them. Julie is also the person who initiates those emails around Thanksgiving and Christmas letting us all know what day the Herbie curbies will be picked up. "Thank you, Julie", for your years of dedication to our neighborhood.



The purpose of the program is to recognize Shandon neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. Winners are awarded and the program is administered entirely by volunteers. This program is sponsored by Mary Lane Sloan, with The ART of Real Estate and Gardener's Outpost.

All award winners receive an official "Shandon Neighborhood Yard of the Month" lawn-sign, to be placed on their property for the duration of their award month.

- \* Recipients must reside in the Shandon Neighborhood.
- \* Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality and creativity.
- \* The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.
- \* YOM will be awarded for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October. A special YOM will be awarded for the best decorated yard during the Holiday season. An award duration term lasts a single calendar month and runs from the first day of the month to the last day of that same month.

The Shandon Neighborhood Council congratulates all "Yard of the Month" award selections and encourages all neighbors to join the efforts of these homeowners in keeping their yards and homes beautiful. Thank you.



May 15 June 19 July 17 August 21 September 18 October 16

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## Letter from County Councilman Seth Rose

Dear Neighbors,

Anna, Cole, Luke and I hope 2015 has been a great year for you and your family. I know we always enjoy this time of year as the chilling winds of Winter give way to the warming rays of Spring.



Moving forward to a couple of County Council items, I want to share with you that over the next few months we'll be discussing, preparing and voting on the 2015-16 budget for Richland County. It's my sincere hope that my colleagues and I on County Council can approve a budget that does not raise property taxes. I have voted against the budget the past three years because it raised property taxes and funded some questionable projects. However, early reports indicate the state Legislature will be slashing the Local Government Fund this year, which means Richland County is likely to receive millions less from this fund and could put some essential services in jeopardy.

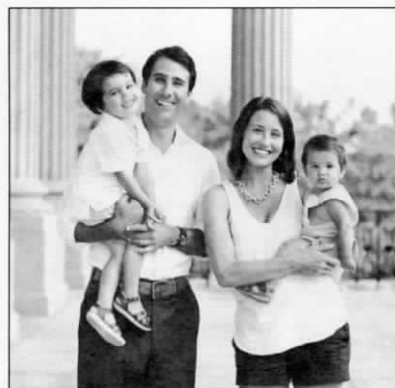
Another item I'm working on County Council is establishing on-the-record voting. In city and state government, votes are cast by roll call or recorded electronically. However, on County Council, votes by council members are recorded by voice vote. The only time individual votes by council members are officially documented is when a council member calls for a vote by division.

I believe every citizen in Richland County deserves to know how representatives on County Council vote on every single issue. That's why I've made a motion to require all votes by County Council be recorded and I hope my colleagues will join me to approve on-the-record voting. This measure, which has been applauded by *The State* newspaper, is an extension of a previous motion I made to improve the accountability and transparency of the actions we take on County Council. You may remember in 2011, I was successful in my measure to establish the broadcasting of county council meetings when it was approved by a 6-4 vote. This new measure is well overdue and I hope you encourage other members of County Council to support this item.

Finally, I want to thank Julie Ruff for her dedication in producing the *Shandon Times* newsletter. I understand this will be her last edition, and the dedication she has poured into this document over the past five years will be hard to match.

In closing, I want to thank you for the privilege to serve on County Council. If you ever need my assistance, please visit my web site at [SethRose.com](http://SethRose.com), send me an email at [sethc.rose@gmail.com](mailto:sethc.rose@gmail.com) or call me on my cell phone at 361.2360.

Yours in Service,  
*Seth Rose*



Dear Shandon:  
It is an honor to be your voice on County Council. Please visit [SethRose.com](http://SethRose.com) for updates or call me on my cell phone 803.361.2360 with any questions.  
Most sincerely,  
**Seth Rose**

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  - ½ cup good mayonnaise
  - 4 TB butter, at room temperature
  - 1 TSP smoked paprika, plus more for garnish
  - 1 TSP fresh lemon juice
  - ½ TSP lemon zest
  - ½ TSP dry mustard
1. Place the eggs in a single layer in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. As soon as water begins to boil, remove pan from heat, cover, and let sit 16 minutes. Drain eggs and place them in a bowl of ice water to cool. Peel eggs.
  2. Cut the eggs in half lengthwise. Remove the yolks and rub them through a fine mesh strainer into a bowl.
  3. Add the mayo and butter and stir until smooth. Stir in the smoked paprika, lemon juice, zest, and mustard. Season to taste with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper.
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## Message from the Editor

Neighbors and Friends, I have been honored to be the newsletter editor for the last 5½ years. I've decided it's time to turn it over to someone new who will have fresh thoughts and ideas! Thank you to everyone who sent me comments, thoughts, articles and ideas for the newsletter, they were all appreciated! The new editor beginning with the summer issue is Ron Burns, M.D., who is the outgoing President of the Shandon Neighborhood Council. He has done a great job as President and I know he will do equally well with this newsletter. Please send him any thoughts or ideas to [rburns@ppspath.com](mailto:rburns@ppspath.com). A special thank you to Smith Printing for all the good work they do putting everything together (Libby and Ashley!). And a very special thank you to those who consistently advertise with us to help cut costs for the newsletter – Mary Lane Sloan, The Honorable James Smith, The Honorable Seth Rose and the Terry Bishop Team/ReMax.

Your neighbor,

*Julie Ruff*

**THE RED  
TRUCK IS  
COMING!**



Good neighbors and pet lovers of Shandon, it's time to start collecting those much needed items for the annual "Fill The Red Truck" event to benefit the Columbia city animal shelter, and The Animal Mission, which funds the free spay/neuter program and adoption for countless animals in the Midlands.

The weekend of May 16 & 17th, 9 am to 5 pm, the Red Truck will be parked at the corner of Heyward and Holly to receive

donations of pet food and supplies for the animal shelter, and monetary donations for the Animal Mission, which will also make spay and neuter vouchers available. More than just a pet food drive, the event has become a social gathering for neighbors and their pets to meet and make friends. There's always a spare lawn chair, a bottle of cold water, and sometimes a donut for anyone who can join us for a little while.

The standing wish list of items for the shelter includes: laundry detergent, bleach, hand soap and sanitizer, Windex, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, blankets, towels, hoses (75 or 100 ft.), dry dog/puppy/cat/kitten food, canned dog and cat food, litter, pet treats, toys and leashes. Checks can be made out to The Animal Mission.

We look forward to another great spring weekend of meeting old and new neighbors walking, running, and driving by to make our shared goal of "filling the red truck" happen again.

\*\*In the event of rain, the red truck will be parked in the carport behind the house at 2901 Heyward St.\*\*



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