

# SHANDON TIMES

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### Letter from SNC President Andrew Clarkson



It's been a busy spring in Shandon and the coming summer does not appear to be slowing down.

First things first – our next Shandon Neighborhood Council meeting will be ‘in-person.’ We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall of Heyward Street Methodist Church. These folks are wonderful. And have been very generous to our neighborhood. Thank you Heyward Street Methodist! The meeting will be on Monday, July 12th starting at 6:15pm. Please come and participate as you feel comfortable.

Now to the good stuff. Beautification committee chaired by Tamra Paschal, met at the triangle park on Heyward and Harden for a spruce up. Thank you Tamra and committee. Zoning and Codes committee chaired by Judy Anderson has been juggling a lot. There have been several properties requesting variances, all the while working with the city to clarify how the city’s new proposed zoning changes will impact our neighborhood. Events committee, chaired by Matt Flach, just hosted a very enjoyable Ice Cream Social at Sims Park. If you missed this one,

Matt and committee are organizing our annual Shandon Neighborhood Night Out in early Aug. The date is scheduled for Tuesday August 3rd from 5p - 7p. Traffic and Safety committee, chaired by Mike McCauley, has been working with the city to identify and hopefully resolve some especially problematic traffic intersections in the neighborhood. Mike is doing double-duty and co-chairing the a new ad-hoc committee, to address the needs of our Shandon area city parks. More on that later in the newsletter. The Turkey Trot committee, headed up by Kelly Morris, has been busy getting this fall’s fun run squared away. Don’t forget Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Please register and encourage friend and family to run (or walk) with you in the upcoming Turkey Trot. My family never misses it. And the Communications committee chaired by Michael Jameson (our SNC president-elect) has been a huge resource working closely with all the SNC committees to keep the SNC website and council Facebook page current. He along with Julie Ruff, our SNC Newsletter editor, and the other Shandon Facebook pages / social media platforms are pumping out all the latest happenings. So if there’s ever a question about the “where’s and when’s” please use these resources.

These are just the highlights of all the cool things going on under the surface to ensure Shandon remains the BEST neighborhood in Columbia!

.... and please say ‘Hey’ when you walk by.

Warmest Regards,

*Andrew* | President, SNC

### Fun July 4th and Summer Facts

Americans eat enough hot dogs on July 4th to stretch from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles 5 times.

The hottest days of the year occur between July 15th – 31st.

The longest BBQ on record lasted more than 80 hours.

There are more than 300 varieties of watermelon.

More babies are born in the summer.

Americans spend more than one billion dollars on fireworks every year.

There were only 2.5 million people living in the United States in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, almost 100 years after the signing.

The last day of Summer is September 20th.

July is National Ice Cream month and National Blueberry Month.

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# SHANDON-BASED NONPROFIT HELPS OLDER ADULTS LIVE INDEPENDENTLY, DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

The FriendShip celebrates over 5 years of serving Columbia

*The following is the first in a new series highlighting not-for-profit organizations based in and around the Shandon Neighborhood. If you wish to recommend a non-profit to be profiled in the Shandon Newsletter, please contact the Editor at [ShandonTimes@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonTimes@gmail.com)*

Did you know there is a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization based right here in Shandon that provides adults aged 50 and over opportunities for socialization and support?

The FriendShip is dedicated to helping older adults who choose to live in their own homes lead healthy, independent, and active lives. It offers programs and services like transportation, errands, assistance with home maintenance and technology, and social engagement opportunities, even during the pandemic!



## TheFriendShip

The FriendShip was founded by a small group of Columbia residents in 2012 after reading about the “village concept” in the AARP magazine. The concept, which holds that a membership network of older adults and volunteers can create a system of supports to help people age successfully in their own homes and communities, resonated with these individuals. After learning more about the concept, raising start-up funds, and establishing itself as a 501(c)3 organization with the help of students from the University of South Carolina School of Law, The FriendShip launched in 2015.

As a thriving organization that recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of its founding, The FriendShip relies on three key sets of stakeholders for its success: members, volunteers, and donors.

Members of The FriendShip come from all walks of life, including current and retired university faculty and staff, government employees, authors, artists, and clergy, among others. They are independent, self-sufficient older adults who have small gaps to be filled because, for example, they prefer not to drive or they need a hand navigating new technology. The FriendShip also provides safe opportunities for socialization, which can be critical during a time of pandemic like COVID. Some members may feel they do not yet need support, but they choose to join now so The FriendShip and its services will be there for them when they do need it.

The FriendShip’s success is driven by its many volunteers. For people with a flexible schedule or who are retired, the organization provides a rewarding way to give back to the community as its volunteers can choose which things they might like to do. Volunteers love this flexibility—and can help members one-on-one and/or contribute to the organization by assisting with programs, recruitment, and more. Many requests for volunteer support are quite flexible. For example, a FriendShip member may need cat food picked up during the next week; a volunteer could choose to take on that task at a time that works best for him/her. Another request may involve providing a ride to a doctor’s appointment; if a volunteer has a conflict at that time, then they simply would choose not to fulfill that request so an available volunteer could perform it instead. All prospective volunteers complete training and a confidential background check before meeting with members. Masking and other COVID protocols are maintained by members and volunteers at all times.

Finally, The FriendShip relies on financial support from the community. In fact, some people even volunteer their time and join as paid members too to help keep the organization thriving. The FriendShip is a nonprofit organization registered with the S.C. Secretary of State, and donors may make tax-deductible contributions on behalf of a friend or loved one, or even consider making a legacy gift by remembering The FriendShip in their estate planning.

The FriendShip has a truly remarkable way of bringing together independent living and community, serving Shandon residents and neighbors across Columbia. If you have an older family member or neighbor who may need support, let them know about this dynamic organization and consider joining or volunteering yourself!

**To become a member, volunteer, or make a tax-deductible contribution, contact:**

[www.TheFriendShip.org](http://www.TheFriendShip.org)

(803) 602-6434

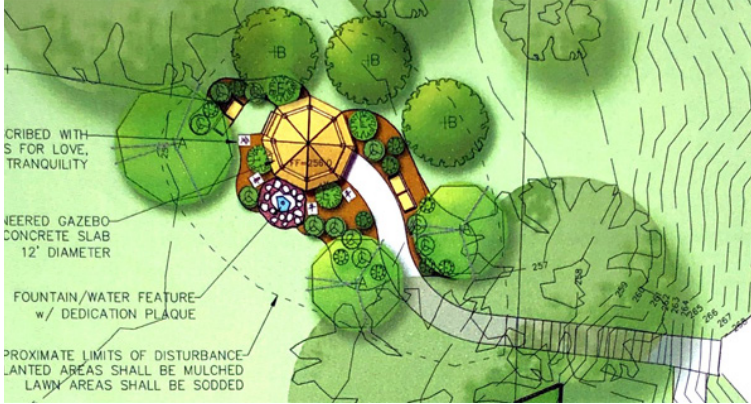
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# Fill The Red Truck



The ladies of the Red Truck (Purrls & Paws) want to thank everyone so very much for helping the 13th annual Red Truck event, held in mid-May, have a very successful weekend again! All products donated benefit the Columbia Animal Shelter pets and all monetary donations (\$5,330) go directly to help fund the Animal Mission's goal of continuing to provide free spay/neuter vouchers to our citizens. Online donations can now be made throughout the year by going to [www.filltheredtruck.org](http://www.filltheredtruck.org). While all donations are greatly appreciated, the ones that touch the heart are those made by children, learning early to care about others and animals. Several children came by to donate items they had purchased with money from their piggy banks! One young girl donated her birthday and Christmas money. More than 3,600 lbs. of dry dog and cat food was donated and more than 1,286 cans of dog and cat food, along with many other items needed by the Shelter. Thank you to all who donated to this very worthy fundraiser!



## Ground Broken on Emily Douglas Memorial Garden

King Street stair entrance temporarily closed

Construction has begun on a new addition to Emily Douglas Park! Thanks to a generous contribution from the Gao family and in coordination with the City of Columbia, a garden is being installed in the northeast corner of Emily Douglas Park in memory of Tao Gao, who grew up in Shandon and loved living in the neighborhood. The garden will include decorative plantings, sitting areas with benches, a rock fountain, and a 200 square foot gazebo. The Shandon Neighborhood Council was consulted during the planning process and approved the final plans in 2019; unfortunately, construction was delayed due to COVID-19. The King Street entrance to Emily Douglas Park will be closed temporarily while a new concrete pad and stone path are added at the base of the stairs. The project is estimated to be completed in early fall 2021. Please contact [ShandonParks@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonParks@gmail.com) with questions and stay tuned at [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org) for updates!

## State House Update - Rep. Seth Rose

Crucial funds were allocated to improve education in our State.

\$72 million for a teacher pay raise

\$65 million to raise the base student cost to the highest level ever

\$4 million to increase pay for bus drivers

\$5.5 million to put nurses in every school

\$7 million for school resource officers and school security

10.2 million to expand full-day pre-K for our children

Also, \$9 million to improve roads in Five Points and incentives to develop the Wells Fargo Site on Blossom Street.

If you need to reach me or need assistance with a state agency please do not hesitate to contact me!



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State House

"It's an honor to serve you and the Shandon neighborhood in the State Legislature. If you ever need my assistance, please call my cell at 803.361.2360."

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### Spring Winners

#### May:

3115 Blossom Street  
2828 Wilmot Avenue  
2801 Duncan Street

#### April:

2734 Blossom Street  
2891 Burney Drive

*Do you have an attractive back yard/  
garden that you would share a photo to  
be posted in an album on the Shandon  
Neighborhood Council Facebook page?*

Send it to Harrison Greenlaw at  
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**Upcoming Events & Meetings:** **Shandon Neighborhood Meeting** (for real!) at Heyward St Methodist Church - Monday July 12 **National Night Out** for 2021 at Sims Park - August 3 **Shandon Neighborhood Meeting** at Heyward St Methodist Church - Monday September 13 Email Questions to [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com) or see [ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://ShandonNeighborhood.org)

## Rules of the Road for Operating a Golf Cart in Shandon

### Who can drive a golf cart?

A person operating a golf cart on a public road must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license. It is against the law for children under 16 or unlicensed drivers to operate a golf cart on a public road, including within your neighborhood.

### When and where may a golf cart be driven in Shandon?

Golf carts may be driven during daylight hours only. A golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on secondary highways or streets with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. However, a golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection even if the highway or street being crossed has a speed limit higher than 35 mph.

### Must a golf cart be registered?

Golf carts must have a permit decal and registration issued by the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles. Registration is available for a \$5 fee, requires proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart, and is valid for five years or until the registrant changes their address.

### What do you need to have with you while driving a golf cart?

The driver of a golf cart being operated on a public road must have in their possession:

- Registration certificate issued by SC DMV,
- Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart, and
- Valid driver's license

### What to do if you observe potentially unlawful operation of a golf cart in Shandon?

If you observe anyone operating a golf cart recklessly or in violation of the laws summarized above, call 911 or CPD non-emergency dispatch at 803-252-2911. You may also contact our neighborhood officer Collin Johnson at [Collin.Johnson@columbiasc.gov](mailto:Collin.Johnson@columbiasc.gov) or 803-683-1886.

For more information about state laws pertaining to golf carts, visit S.C. Code of Laws – Title 56 – Chapter 2 – Specialized Vehicles at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t56c002.php>



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