

Spring 2022

# SHANDON TIMES

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## SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Wheat St

## Letter from SNC President Michael Jameson

Greetings and Salutations fellow Shandon neighbors! It is an honor to serve as your Shandon Neighborhood Council President. These are big shoes to fill. Deborah Thomas offered words of encouragement after my introduction in 2020. John Meyers trusted me as we planned virtual meeting tools to conduct council meetings remotely during Covid lockdowns. Andrew Clarkson has provided insightful guidance and advice as we transitioned back to in-person meetings. Thank you all for the support in serving our community.

My wife Megan and I moved here in 2012 and we immediately fell in love with this neighborhood. A house on Blossom St. was available and we were fortunate enough to rent it. This allowed us to save up and purchase our home on Queen St. Our son, William, was born shortly thereafter and we are proud to raise a family here in Shandon.

A lot has happened during that time. The neighborhood has navigated through a thousand year flood, pandemic lockdowns, and now increased polarization across many metrics. New challenges emerge reminding us how uncertain the future can be. It is certainly vital our focus remains local to overcome the obstacles we face here and now. Kind actions and respectful communication will lead to an even more beautiful and inviting community. So what's happening in Shandon?

The next phase of the Stormwater project is being planned and will soon be underway. This will have a major impact on Shandon's streets. Covid has cancelled our annual Easter Egg hunt the last two years, however, this might be the year we can finally bring it back. The Red Truck will be returning for donations in a few months as well. Please stay tuned to the SNC Facebook and Website for more details following our 2022 Annual Meeting.

In closing, please have the most wonderful Spring. The first step begins with greeting neighbors on the street, no kind action is too small. Looking forward to seeing you out there!

Sincerely yours,

Michael | President, SNC



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## COLUMBIA GREEN

Columbia Green, a non-profit group whose goal is to beautify Columbia, has picked our lovely neighborhood to host their annual fund raiser, The Festival of Gardens Tour, for 2023! They are looking for beautiful back yard gardens and the yard can be large or small. If you, or someone you know in the neighborhood, have a pretty back yard garden and are willing to participate, please send me the name, address and contact info for the home. The Columbia Green garden committee will make the final selections, but let's show them what we have!

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you! - Lane Quinn, [flmeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:flmeb@bellsouth.net)



### Easy Cheese Cake:

2 – 8 oz. packages of softened cream cheese,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar, 3 eggs

Blend well and pour into 9" pie pan. Bake for 40 minutes at 325 degrees and remove from oven for 20 minutes.

Topping:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, 1 cup sour cream,  $\frac{1}{2}$  t. vanilla

Spread topping and return to oven for 20 minutes. You can use prepared pie crust or make without pie crust – your choice!

## FILL THE RED TRUCK - MAY 21 & 22

The 14th annual Fill the Red Truck event will be held on SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 21 – 22 at its usual location on the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets. This is a super opportunity to spend time together and to meet new friends - both two- and four-legged - as we raise funds and collect goods for the Animal Shelter and monetary donations for the Animal Mission, which will go to support the Animal Mission's goal of providing the free spay/neuter vouchers for the residents of Richland County.

The most needed items for the Shelter are canned and dry dog and cat food, puppy and kitten food, cat litter, bleach, cleaning supplies, leashes, collars, toys, and small towels. You can also connect with the Red Truck online at [www.FillTheRedTruck.org](http://www.FillTheRedTruck.org) where you can make a monetary contribution or order food and supplies to be shipped directly to the Shelter. This online option is available year-round and you don't have to wait until the on-site event to contribute!

We hope that you and your family will stop by and visit with us as you contribute to our campaign. It is heartwarming to see children donate items as they are being taught the tradition of caring for others. As our city logo states, WE ARE COLUMBIA, and we invite you to join us in the tradition of supporting our city shelter and the Animal Mission through the Red Truck campaign!

## UPDATES FROM COLUMBIA WATER ON SHANDON STORMWATER & WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City of Columbia is designing a stormwater project to improve the drainage and flooding in the Shandon and Rosewood neighborhoods. Project improvements will occur along two corridors and will include the installation of additional storm drainage pipes and catch basins to increase the capacity of the storm drainage system. West Watershed project status - With a smaller footprint, this trunkline of the project, which runs primarily along South Ravenel and Ravenel Streets in Shandon, will move forward at a faster pace than the East watershed. Design is at 90%, and the easement acquisition process is now beginning. The start of construction will be determined by the speed of the easement acquisition process. A 6-month construction period is anticipated. East Watershed status - This phase of the project, which is primarily in Rosewood, is expected to be at 60% design by mid-2022. Significant easement acquisition will be required for this trunkline of the project. A 16-month construction period is anticipated. For more information on the stormwater project, visit: <https://columbiascwater.net/shandonstormwater/>

The Shandon water system improvements project will involve the installation of approximately 88,000 linear feet of 16-inch, 12-inch, 8-inch, and 6-inch ductile iron pipe along various roads in the Shandon neighborhood over the course of two phases. Homes and businesses throughout the project corridor will have their water service lines renewed through this project as well. Phase 1 includes the West side of Shandon up to and including Holly Street. This project will be ready for bid in late 2022 or early 2023. Construction duration is estimated at 18 months. Phase 2 includes the east side of Shandon between Holly Street and Kilbourne Road. Construction is estimated to begin in mid 2024 and to finish in late 2025.

For more information on these projects, contact: Frances Bryan, PE, Assistant City Engineer for Design, City of Columbia, 803.545.3544, [Frances.Bryan@columbiasc.gov](mailto:Frances.Bryan@columbiasc.gov)



# “Homes for the Holidays” Update!

The 2021 “Homes for the Holidays” tour proceeds were recently distributed! For many years, the proceeds were given to our 4 local schools. Last year, as the committee began to plan for the December tour, it was decided it was time for a change and we decided some of our local small businesses who had been affected by the pandemic might appreciate some assistance. Grant letters were distributed in 5 pts., Devine Street, and Millwood. Last month, we were able to split \$18,000 among the businesses who applied for the money. We were thrilled to be able to help these businesses and we will be doing so again with the 2022 Tour, scheduled for Sunday, December 4th! Also, a big shout out to our Sponsors (Mary Lane Sloan/The ART of Real Estate, Joey Bouknight/Automotive Advisor, Will and Lauren Will Brennan/Brennan Works, Representative Seth Rose, Graeme Moore/The Moore Company and Clint Hammond/Morgage Network), along with our many Advertisers and all those who bought tickets and did the Tour! Thanks to everyone for a highly successful Tour! Hope to see a lot of you again this year!



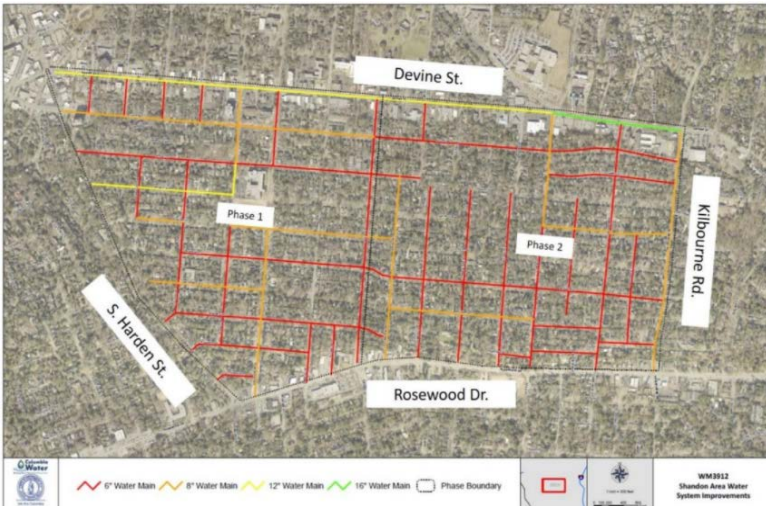
## Jazz Concerts in Shandon

The Carolina Jazz Society has been presenting concerts of traditional jazz in Columbia for over 56 years... and the enthusiasm for this happy sounding music has stayed strong through the years. Concerts are now held right here in Shandon at the activity center of Heyward St UMC on the first Sunday of the month, 2:30- 5:00 pm (no concerts June-August). The current house band is led by Dick Goodwin (trumpet) and includes Doug Graham (clarinet), Dustin Retzlaff (bass), Aletha Jacobs (piano and vocals), Bruce Clark (trombone) and Jim Hall (percussion). Children free and welcome --Casual-- masks required. Tickets: \$10 cash at the door. [www.carolinajazzsociety.com](http://www.carolinajazzsociety.com)

## Spring Tips from Sheriff Leon Lott

Spring is here and with it comes an opportunity for us to enjoy being outside. Let's not make this a time for opportunities for the bad guys to steal. Leaving garage doors open and yard equipment out in the open make it too easy for thieves. Always think, “what can I do to protect my property?” Be Smart, Be Observant, and Be Prepared. These three tips can steal the opportunity from the criminal. Be part of a Neighborhood Crime Watch group. It's easy. A Crime Watch association is just a bunch of nosey neighbors who are organized and care about their community. Know your neighbors and look out for each other. Follow the Shandon Crime Watch on Facebook. Preventing crime is the goal of any community. It is also the true measurement of success by a police agency. Working together is the key. TEAM – “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.”

Let's be a TEAM! - Leon Lott, Sheriff





**Seth Rose**  
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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**Will start again in April!**  
**Get your yards ready!**



**CONSERVE RESOURCES!**  
**Only run full loads of dishes or laundry.**  
**Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth.** **Unplug electronics you aren't using.** **Turn off lights when you leave the room.**

**EARTH DAY IS FRIDAY,**  
**APRIL 22ND!**

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**Upcoming Events & Meetings:** The Shandon Neighborhood Council meets **every other month** beginning in January. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and begin at 6:15 p.m. A time for social gathering & meet and greet from 6:00-6:15 usually precedes the business session. The location of the meetings is Heyward Street United Methodist Church at 2500 Heyward St. Upcoming dates are May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14. Email Questions to [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CITY COUNCILMAN, WILL BRENNAN, DISTRICT III

Happy Spring! I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and ready for great things in our City! Here are some updates on what is happening with Columbia City Council: City Council is using portions of our American Rescue Plan funding to address Public Safety.

The Council voted recently to: Expand funding for our Pathways Team, a mental health unit within our Columbia Police Department. Fund community violence prevention programs. Invest in technology for DNA and video systems aimed at reducing violent crimes. Demolish more than 30 properties that are a public health concern. Purchase much needed firefighters equipment and making fire station improvements to reduce the risk of cancer-causing harm.

I encourage everyone to follow our City of Columbia social media accounts for the most up to date information pertaining to council meetings and citywide happenings: Facebook: City of Columbia / Instagram: WeAreColumbia / Twitter: CityofColumbia / Youtube: ColumbiaSCGovernment

Lastly, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I may ever be of assistance to you. Message and follow my social media to engage and receive frequent District 3 updates regarding happenings and news of interest: Facebook: VoteWillBrennan / Instagram: VoteWillBrennan / Sign up to receive emails from me at: <https://votewillbrennan.com/get-involved/>



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**IN WHAT YEAR WAS SHANDON  
FOUNDED?**

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