

SHANDON TIMES

Neighborhood News

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Letter from SNC President Michael Jameson

Greetings fellow Shandon neighbors,

There has been a lot of activity the past few months and I am grateful to report all is well. We were able to successfully reboot the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Despite rain showers, there was an excellent turnout and fun was had by all! This neighborhood is so lucky to have so many helpful volunteers and parents to make this special event possible. Speaking of special events, the 14th annual Fill the Red Truck in support of the Animal Mission was also a success! Thank you to all neighbors and friends who participated!

You may have noticed large equipment and trucks in the neighborhood as the city makes progress on the long awaited water infrastructure upgrade project. Please be patient as roads will be closed periodically to accommodate the project. The short term pain is well worth the long term gain of safe and accessible water.

Even with this construction, I still hear comments about how green and lovely our neighborhood is. These fleeting summer months are filled with travel, visitors, and activities. Shandon offers a beautiful and serene view that allows one to just take a step back and enjoy the moment during the summer rush. Just make sure to stay cool while you are out there!

While nothing is more certain than a hot Columbia summer, relief is on the way. The Shandon National Night Out is coming August 2nd at Sims Park, with ice cream for all. Please join us as we celebrate our first responders and enjoy this fun neighborhood gathering. And speaking of gatherings, do not forget that our signature event, The Turkey Trot, is scheduled for Friday, November 25. More information to come!

Despite the heat, there is no shortage of people walking and enjoying our streets. Stay hydrated and let's greet one another as kindness is key. Have a fantastic Summer!

Sincerely yours,
Michael | President, SNC

Welcome!

Be sure to give CRT Justin Boyd, our new neighborhood officer, a warm welcome! He can be reached via email (justin.boyd@columbiasc.gov) or phone (803.873.8594) if needed.



SHANDON EASTER EGG
HUNT 2022

FIVE POINTS

What a year for Five Points! Since April 2021, we have hosted ribbon cuttings for ten new businesses, and it's not stopping any time soon! July marks the long-anticipated opening of two new merchants in The Treadwell – The Flying Biscuit Café at 936 Harden Street and Orangetheory Fitness Downtown Columbia next door at 940 Harden Street – opening Monday, July 18th and Sunday, July 31st respectively. We'd also like to thank everyone that attended the 40th Annual St. Pat's in Five Points on March 19th! We had a tame crowd of 37,000 celebrate being Irish for a day after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. St. Pat's in Five Points also afforded the FPA the opportunity to donate \$40K to local charities in honor of our 40th Anniversary! We so appreciate the neighborhood's support of our signature event! Mark your calendars for the 41st festival on Saturday, March 18th, 2023!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Kelly Hynes Morris for receiving a Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year award at the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods' annual banquet in April! Kelly is a full-time ophthalmologist in private practice and has served over six years on the Shandon Neighborhood Council, including as chair of the Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn Sk and founder of the Neighborhood Crime Watch group.



FILL THE RED TRUCK

The 14th Annual "Fill the Red Truck" fundraiser to benefit the Pet Food Pantry at the city shelter and funds for the Animal Mission free spay/neuter program did an amazing job May 21st and 22nd. SEVEN trucks full of great supplies went to the Shelter over the weekend! Thanks to all of you who came, donated, and visited with the ladies! Shandon is such a wonderful caring neighborhood and we love our pets and everyone else's! Money was also raised in the amount of \$5,000 plus, as well as some Sponsor money (many many thanks to Mary Lane Sloan/The ART of Real Estate, Automotive Advisor/Joey C. Bouknight and Bobby G. Martin, and Meredith Pope/Fetch Pet Care) that goes to the Animal Mission to help fund the free spay/neuter voucher program that most of you are familiar with! Special thanks to Carolyn McKenzie who hosts this event every year at her home on the corner of Heyward and Holly! Mark your calendar for May 20th – 21st in 2023. Thanks to all!!!!

MOSQUITO CONTROL ADVICE FROM DHEC

Locate Sites Where Mosquitoes Breed - All mosquitoes need standing water to begin their life cycle. Any site where water stands for 5 days or more may breed mosquitoes. Locate all sites that hold water. **Protect Yourself from Biting Mosquitoes** - Mosquitoes are active at dawn, dusk, twilight hours, and night - If possible, avoid mosquitoes at these times. Some may bite in daylight, especially in shaded areas. Install or keep screens on windows, doors, and porches in good repair. Keep car windows and garage doors closed at night. Be sure to trim or remove overgrown plants that provide cool/dark/damp areas where adult mosquitoes rest (ex: overgrown shrubs, grass, weeds, vines, and ground cover). Use yellow light bulbs or sodium-vapor orange lights for outside lighting. Avoid wearing products that smell like fruit or flowers. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants to protect yourself from getting bit. Treat clothing with permethrin to provide protection even through several wash cycles. Wearing light colors can repel mosquitoes as they are attracted to dark colors. Use mosquito repellents that contain DEET, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or Picaridin. Mosquito coils or heated repellent pads found in lamps, lanterns, or portable units are good to use to repel mosquitoes in small areas. Lastly, you may apply a pesticidal fog to provide temporary relief outdoors.

UPDATES & SURVEY FROM THE SNC ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

The City of Columbia has formed the Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Councilman Howard Duvall to address operational guidelines of properties within the city. The Ad Hoc Committee has held one public hearing and will host more to obtain input from citizens. A draft ordinance can be viewed at: <https://columbiacitysc.igq2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1331&Inline=True>. The SNC Zoning and Code Enforcement Committee has developed a survey to ascertain Shandon residents' positions on short-term rentals and the proposed ordinance. Please complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQTWCRJ>. The SNC Committee has filed Freedom of Information forms to learn the number of long- and short-term rentals registered in our neighborhood with business licenses and permits. It is also trying to obtain the numbers of calls/complaints received by the police department for each category. Members of the SNC Committee met recently with our Code Enforcement officer, Stacy Harris. He will be happy to respond to residents' code concerns and asks that pictures be sent if at all possible. He can be reached at stacy.harris@columbiasc.gov or 803.737.3002. More information will be forthcoming on code enforcement to include the top areas of concern.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Did you know that City of Columbia Animal Services always has a variety of volunteer opportunities available? Join their Facebook group called "Columbia Animal Services Volunteers" to receive updates about current projects, volunteer requests, and conversations with other volunteers who help keep the shelter running smoothly. There's always a need for friendly faces to help with walking dogs, filling Kong's, talking to adopters, folding laundry, sorting supplies, off-site dog field trips, kitten bottle feeding, and more. And for younger volunteers who might not be able to participate without a parent present, the shelter offers take-home projects as well. Thank you for supporting the work of your local animal shelter!

FUN WACKY DAYS TO CELEBRATE!

JULY:

- 2 - I Forgot Day
- 6 - World Kiss Day
- 9 - Bald Is In Day
- 15 - Be A Dork Day
- 22 - Pajama Day

AUGUST:

- 1 - Girlfriends Day
- 8 - Fried Chicken Day
- 14 - Middle Child Day
- 19 - Potato Day
- 27 - Daffodil Day

SEPTEMBER:

- 3 - Beard Day
- 8 - Hug Your Hound Day
- 13 - Kids In The Kitchen Day
- 19 - Pirate Talk Day
- 24 - Punctuation Day

THE ESTATE PLANNING PROCESS

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The first step in the estate planning process is to gather family and asset information for your attorney. They will analyze the tax issues and make recommendations regarding how your assets will pass at the time of your death. A will does not control the disposition of all of your assets, just property titled in your name. Other property, such as life insurance and retirement accounts, can pass outside of your will by beneficiary designation. Real property can be titled with survivorship rights.

At your death, your will must be admitted to probate in the county where you reside. The probate court charges a fee of ¼ of 1% of the value of all probate assets. In addition, the terms of your will are public record, along with an accounting that details the income and distributions from your estate. To avoid probate, you can create a revocable trust during your lifetime. Any assets transferred to the trust prior to your death avoid probate. The terms of the trust are private, and the trust provides that you have the power to withdraw property from, amend or revoke the trust at any time. During your lifetime, no separate tax return is due.

During your lifetime, you also need a durable power of attorney and healthcare power of attorney. A durable power of attorney is a document in which you appoint an agent to make legal and financial decisions for you. A healthcare power of attorney allows you to appoint an agent to make any health care decisions for you if you cannot make the decisions yourself. A statutory form health care power of attorney has been adopted by the legislature.

Each family's situation is different, no two plans are alike. I recommend consulting an estate planning certified specialist.

TRIVIA ANSWER: The name Shandon came from R.S. DesPortes, who was interested in the high plateau of rolling farmland in the area and equated it with the beauty of Shandon, Ireland. He also thought the name would be a compliment to R.W. Shand, then president of the Columbia Land and Investment Company, which began purchasing acreage in the area in 1890.

TheFriendShip is seeking volunteers.

The FriendShip is a membership-based nonprofit organization helping seniors in the Columbia area live independently in their own homes. Volunteers are the backbone of the organization and make a huge difference in the lives of our members by:

- Providing transportation to appointments, shopping, etc.
- Running errands
- Visiting with members in their homes and at programs
- Assisting with technology like computers and cell phones
- Serving on committees to plan events
- And more!

The volunteer opportunities are both very rewarding and **very flexible!** You can choose what fits your schedule and preferences! All volunteers go through background checks and complete all necessary training.

The FriendShip is located in the center of Columbia and serves the surrounding area.

Please call the office at 803-602-6434 or visit our website at www.thefriendship.org for more info and to fill out a volunteer application.

The FriendShip's mission is to support older adults who choose to live in their own homes while maintaining healthy, independent, active and engaged lifestyles.

You can make a difference.

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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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 July 11, September 12, November 14. Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com



CITY OF COLUMBIA

Business Friendly Initiatives

- ELIMINATE WATER AND SEWER CHANGE OF USE FEE**
Owners will no longer be charged a capacity fee when a commercial property is redeveloped for a change in use. For example, if a building changes from retail to restaurant use and the meter size is under 4", no capacity fee will be charged. On changes larger than 4" credits for existing service will now be made.
- NEW BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL PROCESS SIMPLIFIED**
Neither personal or company income tax returns will need to be shown in order to apply or renew your business license. It is estimated that the full process will be online by the fourth quarter of 2022.
- ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY AND NEW FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GREASE CAPTURE COSTS**
City staff will work with a project's engineer, architect or plumber to approve the best option for the project's needs for grease capture including grease traps, grease interceptors or other options as they become available. A reimbursable loan program is available that can offset 50% of your grease capture costs, up to \$10,000. We are also evaluating the potential for a rebate program for these improvements.
- ON-SITE PARKING REQUIREMENTS**
The city will no longer require on-site parking or require a business to rent off-site parking in order to receive an occupancy permit for commercial and retail buildings 7500 sq ft or less. Parking for residential buildings will be required.
- MAKING RENOVATIONS TO AND REMODELING EXISTING BUILDINGS SIMPLER AND MORE AFFORDABLE**
Businesses will no longer be required to remove existing parking spaces in order to meet landscape requirements for redevelopment.
- NEW FOCUS ON ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES**
 - Adding full-time business recruiter(s) who will specialize in recruiting urban economic development opportunities and tax base, such as hotels, restaurants, retail, entertainment venues and corporate partners.
 - Establishing project manager(s) to assist local businesses with expansion, help new businesses open and to guide and assist new investments through the permitting process.



**SHANDON TRIVIA:
HOW DID THE
SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD
GET ITS NAME?**



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ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CORNER

Hello Neighbors! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far and staying cool on these record setting days. I wanted to let you know that City Council recently put into place several initiatives to help attract and grow retail and restaurants along our commercial districts. We are trying to make it easier for restaurants and small businesses to be successful in the Devine Street, Rosewood Drive, Millwood Avenue, and Five Points areas, as well as City wide. Take a look at the Business Friendly Initiatives flyer to the left. If you have any questions or know of anyone looking to start a small business or restaurant in our wonderful area, please feel free to send them my way.



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