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Letter from SNC President Andrew Clarkson

Greeting neighbors and Happy New Year!

Boy, what fun! This year has flown by. From meeting on Zoom, and back to 'in room' in under a year. All the while, your council got some really cool stuff done ... like supporting the completion of the Tao Gao Memorial Meditation Garden in Emily Douglas Park, receiving multiple grant awards to fund a newly formatted newsletter, two Neighborhood Night Outs, landscaping improvements in the triangle park, and much more to come. And, most recently, a whopping success with November's Shandon Turkey Trot and Burn SK! The December "Homes for the Holidays" tour, which is put on by a committee of volunteers from both the Shandon and the Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhoods, had a highly successful tour, with the proceeds benefitting our local small businesses!

And yes, I know it's just January, but our March Annual Meeting is right around the corner. It will be held on March 14th at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall of the Heyward Street Methodist Church. I want to encourage everyone to come out and see what we do. The March meeting is where we recognize neighbors who have really risen above the call of duty. At this year's annual meeting, we'll recognize two Belinda Gergel Award recipients who were great friends to the neighborhood – Mardee Witten & Andy Shlon, both of whom passed away in the last couple of years.

Just in case you are not aware, one third of our neighborhood council is up for reelection every year. Some members, whose first terms are ending, may decide to throw their names back in the hat. But we are also always looking for new folks who have fresh ideas and who are willing to get in the trenches and get involved. If you or someone you know is one of these folks, we need your nomination for the SNC elections at the March meeting. Please send me an email (acclarkson18@gmail.com) with your name and best contact information, along with a brief description of the nominee for Shandon Neighborhood Council. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

And while I know this year is not done, I want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to this year's neighborhood council. It is only with their dedication, patience, and insightful reasoning that we can be effective as stewards of this community.

I have one more bit of great news to report. Shandon has recently been chosen by Columbia Green to host the 2023 Spring Garden Tour! Columbia Green is seeking 6 to 8 gardens to showcase in our neighborhood. These will be a sample of Shandon's best small, mid-size, and large gardens. Everyone has a little over a year to get their yards in shape. Keep your eyes open for more information to follow.

Thank you once again for your trust, encouragement, and considerable energy. I have appreciated this experience so very much!

... and please say 'Hey' when you walk by.

Warmest regards,

Andrew | President, SNC



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Five Points Association Update

Come See What's Happening in Columbia's Most Eclectic and Unique District!

The weekend of **February 11-13** will be our **Winter Sidewalk Sale**, so get out and shop for your sweetie for Valentine's Day!

The Five Points Association is also excited for the **return of St. Pat's in Five Points on Saturday, March 19th** after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. 2022 marks our **40th Anniversary** from its humble beginnings in 1983 in Yesterday's parking lot where it was created to give people an option to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Columbia instead of traveling for Savannah's St. Pat's event.

On **Wednesday, January 26th**, the FPA will host a **press conference to announce the bands** performing at the festival. On **Friday, March 4th**, we will host our **Official Kick-Off to St. Pat's in Five Points** where we'll dye the fountain green and be entertained by Irish dancers and bagpipers. On **Saturday, March 19th**, come down to the village to enjoy all the festivities of **St. Pat's in Five Points!** At 7:30am, we'll kick it off with the **Get to the Green 5K/10K and 1-Mile Family Fun Run**. At 10am, the annual **St. Pat's Parade** will commence. Gates will open at 9am, and our four stages of music will begin at Noon. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 DOS. **Purchase tickets online at StPatsColumbia.com.**



Turkey Trot & Burn 5K

The Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Burn 5k was a huge success this year with almost 450 runners. The 5k race showcased the streets of Shandon beginning and ending at the Shandon Presbyterian Church on Woodrow Street. Runners competed for various prizes including turkey trophies and gift cards. Fun was had by all thanks to the Race director Erin Roof and her team Grit Endurance as well as the timing company Scree Side Sports. And a big thank you to the Many volunteers who contributed their time to make this a successful event. All entrants received swag bags from Assrance Financial which included a long sleeve t-shirt, Bluetooth speaker from Silicon Solutions, Five points St Patty's day discount coupons and lots of other swag. B106 radio provided great coverage by broadcasting live from the event.



So What Is The Market Doing Now?

As we enter this festive time of year I constantly find myself at gatherings being asked "so what is the real estate market doing now?" Although the market is not as frenetic as was seen earlier this year, buyer demand is still high, sales prices continue to rise and interest rates are still attractive.

If you look at the MLS as a whole: New Listings were up 17.6 percent to 1,278; Pending Sales increased 14.0 percent to 1,284, the eighth consecutive month of year-over-year gains; Inventory shrank 12.4 percent to 1,412 units; For the 12-month period spanning December 2020 through November 2021, Pending Sales in the CMLS region were up 10.8 percent overall. The price range with the largest gain in sales was the \$300,001 and Above range, where they increased 43.5 percent.

If you just look at Shandon, Year-to-Date: There are currently 5 listings active for sale; 11 Pending sales; A total of 106 sold homes since 1/1/21; Average sold price is 402,563

So in a nutshell: Is it still a good time to sell? YES! Buyer demand is still there and there is less competition for sellers. Is it a good time to buy? YES! Interest rates are still very attractive, which means buyers have more buying power than ever before.

As always if we can be of any help to anyone looking to buy or sell please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Happy Holidays!

-Mary Lane Sloan, The ART of Real Estate



- 1 Saint Patrick was not even born in Ireland.
- 2 The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland, but in Boston.
- 3 Chicago dyes their main river green to celebrate the holiday.
- 4 Saint Patrick's real name is Maewyn Succat.
- 5 Leprechauns are actually fairies/shoemakers in Irish folklore.
- 6 There are 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every four-leaf clover.
- 7 There are more Americans of Irish origin than there are Irish in Ireland.
- 8 The shamrock's three leaves are meant to represent the Holy Trinity.

"Homes for the Holidays" Great Success!



A big thank you to all of you who came out Sunday and went on our annual "Homes for Holidays" tour of homes! We sold a tour high of 380 tickets and the tour booklet was sold out of space thanks to all our advertisers and sponsors! Our proceeds will be going to many of our small locally owned businesses! A huge thank you to our 6 Co-Sponsors of the Tour, Mary Lane Sloan, The ART of Real Estate, Councilman Will Brennan/Brennan Works, Automotive Advisor/Bobby G. Martin Joey C. Bouknight, Graeme Moore/The Moore Company, Representative Seth Rose, and Clint Hammond/Mortgage Network. There are too many advertisers to list here, but they are so much appreciated as well! And of course we could not even have this tour without the Homeowners who so graciously opened their homes for the Tour! Mark your calendars for next year's tour on December 4th! We appreciate the support of all who joined us!

VALENTINES DAY FUN FACTS

- 1 St. Valentine was said to perform marriages in secret and according to legend, was executed for his crimes on February 14th by the Roman Emperor Claudius II.
- 2 Cupid was a prominent figure in both Greek and Roman mythology. It was believed Cupid was the son of Venus, Goddess of Love. He was known as Eros.
- 3 The first known valentine was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, who wrote his wife a poem while locked away in the Tower of London.
- 4 According to Hallmark, more than 145 million valentines are sent every year, and that's just here in the USA. Teachers are the #1 group receiving valentines.
- 5 Candy hearts started as medical lozenges.
- 6 Valentine's Day is celebrated worldwide.
- 7 Over \$20 billion was spent in 2020 most of which was on jewelry.
- 8 Six million couples get engaged on Valentines.

Best Practices For Pet & Animal Issues

Safety Issues: Shandon residents are encouraged to report incidents of aggressive animals or other safety-related complaints by calling 911 or the CPD non-emergency line at 803-252-2911. Please report concerns to the police before posting on social media.

Report Abuse: If you know of an animal in need, even if it is minor, call Columbia Animal Services at 803-776-7387.

Lost & Found: A new Lost Pets section has been added to the neighborhood website. The ability to submit missing pet posters and details about spotted animals is coming soon! For more information, visit <http://shandonneighborhood.org/lost-pets/>.

Strays: If you would like to report a stray animal in the City of Columbia, please call Animal Services at 803-776-7387. Should you come across a stray, here are a few tips:

- don't run; stand still, usually the dog will sniff you and then leave you alone
- don't touch a sick, injured, or scared animal as it may bite you out of fear or surprise
- avoid staring into a dog's eyes, it may think you are threatening them

Adoption Services: If you are thinking of adopting a pet, visit animalservices.columbiasc.gov/adoption/ to learn about the process and things to consider. For information about available pets, visit www.petfinder.com which is updated daily.

Surrendering An Owned Animal: If for any reason you can no longer look after your pet, please review your options at animalservices.columbiasc.gov/surrender/. Pet owners who wish to surrender a pet should call Columbia Animal Services at 803-776-7387.

Licensure, Breeding, Leashing, Other Laws: All pets in the City of Columbia must be licensed. Pet breeding is not allowed within City limits. All dogs must be on a leash; failure to leash may result in a \$200 fine. These and other animal control ordinances for the City of Columbia may be found in Chapter Four of the City Code at <https://tinyurl.com/2z2ksxft>

Other Resource: WBUR: Why Dogs Attack, And What To Do If A Dangerous Canine Approaches You: <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2019/08/21/dog-attacks-what-to-do>

Questions, More Information: Representatives from the City will be in attendance at the next Shandon Neighborhood Council meeting on Monday, January 10th and available to answer resident questions.

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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2812 Wilmont
2425 Heyward
3134 Monroe
3330 Duncan

Holiday Winners:

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2920 Blossom
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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 January 10, March 14 (annual meeting), May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14. Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com

Helpful City Phone Numbers

Administration: 545-3075	Police Dept: 545-3500
Abandoned Vehicles: 545-3300	Police South Region: 737-5881
Animal Services: 776-7387	Potholes: 545-3790
Arts Center: 545-3112	Recycling: 545-3800
Business License: 545-3345	Street Division: 545-3790
Building Permits: 545-3420	Trees: 545-3860
City Hall Main: 545-3000	Water & Sewer: 545-3400
Crime Prevention: 545-3555	Water Bills: 545-3300
City Manager: 545-3026	Zoning: 545-3333
Code Enforcement: 545-3498	
Environmental Control: 545-3498	
Emergency: 911	
Non Emergency: 252-2911	
Fire Department: 733-8363 (Devine Street Station 9)	
Fire Department: 545-3700 (Main Office)	
Forestry and Beautification: 545-3860	
Garbage and Trash Pickup: 545-3800	
Garage Sales: 545-3345	
Inspections: 545-3420	
Mayor's Office: 545-3075	
Municipal Court: 545-3150	
Overgrown/Vacant Lots: 545-3430	
Parking Tickets: 545-3362	



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