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Letter from Shandon Neighborhood Council

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Dear Shandon Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you well! I am privileged to share some of the exciting things happening in our vibrant neighborhood over the past few months and what's in store for the fall season.

From children's lemonade stands and pick-up games at Hand Middle School, to organized running races and volunteers beautifying our public spaces, we love that Shandon is alive with community activities and this summer did not disappoint. Our annual National Night Out celebration at Sims Park, held in tandem with our Sherwood Forest neighbors this year, was an enormous success. Local government officials, police officers, and firefighters joined over 250 residents for games, grilled hot dogs, an ice cream truck, and fellowship. Special thanks to Ole Timey Meats and Andy's Deli for donating the hot dogs and buns, and to our Shandon Neighborhood Council members for organizing.

As we transition to fall, there's no shortage of exciting events to look forward to. Registration is open for the annual Shandon Turkey Trot and Burn 5K to be held at 10am on Black Friday, November 24th. Don't chicken out, prizes will be awarded for the best and most creative Turkey Burn attire! And before that, don't miss the 16th annual Palmetto Peanut Boil September 30th from 12-6pm along the 2900 block of Devine Street. Admission is free and all proceeds from food and beverages benefit Animal Mission.

Our next Neighborhood Meeting will be held November 13th at St. John's Episcopal Church on the corner of Wheat & Holly Streets. To keep up with neighborhood news and events, be sure to follow the Shandon Neighborhood Council's new Instagram profile, @shandonneighborhood803, and the Shandon Neighborhood Council Facebook page.

Shandon was recently awarded a \$1,500 Neighborhood Enrichment Grant by Richland County to support the production, printing, and mailing of this quarterly newsletter. Thank you to our advertisers who also make this popular publication possible. To receive the newsletter and other neighborhood updates by e-mail, or to submit story ideas for the newsletter, e-mail <u>ShandonTimes@gmail.com</u>.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood! Mike McCauley President, Shandon Neighborhood Council



SHANDON-BASED NONPROFIT PROVIDING CLOTHING TO CHILDREN IN POVERTY



Did you know a lack of clothing is one of the top ten reasons students miss school? Studies show that access to adequate clothing and basic necessities improves students' attendance, social and emotional well-being, behavior, and ultimately their academic outcomes. Keenly aware of clothing insecurity issues affecting children in their classrooms, a local family with three generations of educators set out to help by collecting new clothing and providing it to students in need. Within three years, their family project has grown into EMS Closet, now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a new home at St. John's Episcopal Church

in Shandon. School officials and social workers across Richland One and Two provide referrals, and EMS provides gift bags of new clothing, a stuffed animal, and an age-appropriate book to children in grades K-12 whose families have encountered hardship. In the 2022-2023 school year, groups and individuals contributed over 648 volunteer hours to help EMS collect, organize, and deliver nearly 7,000 individual items (weighing 4,704 pounds and valued at \$46,792) to 606 children in need. In August 2023 alone, EMS served 134 students from 19 Richland One schools and 20 Richland Two schools! EMS Closet's mission is to ensure K-12 students have the everyday essentials they need to flourish and thrive in school and beyond. To volunteer, donate clothing, or make a tax-deductible contribution, contact EMS at (803) 445-7934 or Beth@EMScloset.org.

This piece is the latest in a series highlighting not-for-profit organizations based in or serving the Shandon Neighborhood. If you wish to recommend a non-profit to be profiled in the Shandon Newsletter, contact the Editor at ShandonTimes@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FIVE POINTS!

Greetings Shandon neighbors! We are very excited for fall in Five Points and hope you are too! We've had several ribbon cutting and grand openings here in the district and I invite you to check them out if you have not already done so:

- Break Point Cola located at 719 Saluda Avenue For all your pickleball and tennis needs (and more)
- Turner & Moss Curated Goods located at 715 Saluda Avenue A curated vintage goods shop.
- The Skinhouse by The Beautique Skin Co. located at 2000 Blossom Street Home of the Skintender[™], an open-concept, social skincare experience focused on results & education.

Our Beauti-5 committee has also been hard at work and there will be some new beautification projects completed soon with the unveiling of our newest permanent art installation at this year's JerryFest. We will also be launching our new website in the next few weeks so be sure to check us out on the web at fivepointscolumbia.com.

Add us to your calendars and join us for these FREE Family events in October:

- JerryFest Sunday, October 1 from 12:00pm 8:00pm | Join us for a day of fellowship, music, artisan crafts, regional music artists, our Lil' Hippy Corner, and more!
- Paint the Town Garnet & Black Friday, October 13 from 6:00pm 9:00pm Our 2nd annual Homecoming Block Party with special appearances by USC VIP, live music, merchant sales and specials, with fun for the entire family.
- Trick or Treat in Five Points Saturday, October 28...more information coming soon! Stay up to date by visiting our Facebook page @fivepointssc.

Sunday, October 1 12:00 - 8:00 pm Live Music Food Trucks Lil' Hippy Corner Artisan Crafts PAINT THE TOWN



JERRYFEST

TRICK or TREAT in FIVE POINTS Saturday, October 28...More info soon!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Shandon Neighborhood Council held the annual National Night Out (NNO) at Sims Park, the evening of Tuesday, August 1st. The hot dogs (provide by Ole Timey Meat Market) and the buns/condiments (donated by Andi's Deli), were cooked by Jesse Burke and his crew. Shandon Neighborhood Council members and officers served the hot dogs while greeting old and new residents and guests. Truly Scrumptious Ice Cream LLC, with their ice cream truck, stayed busy serving cones or cups from the 5 flavors offered. City, state and government officials, Police Chief Holbrook and his officers, firemen and first responders all socialized with hundreds of Shandon neighbors and our invited guests (including Sherwood Forest neighborhood residents). A good time was had by all and the nice temperatures were a bonus!







Join us in Five Points for Free Family Fun in October!



GARNET & BLACK

Block Party Friday, October 13

6:00 - 9:00 pm Live Music

Sidewalk Sales Fun for ALL ages



SHANDON TURKEY TROT & BURN 5K 2023

Gobble UP Savings! Join us on Black Friday, November 24th at 10am for Shandon Neighborhood's BEST race! Join the Flock and get registered! Runners and Walkers are welcome. Our race, managed by GRIT Endurance, LLC, will benefit The Shandon Neighborhood Council, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Race proceeds will be used to provide improvements in this historical neighborhood. We expect over 400 participants to be trotting through the beautiful tree lined streets of Shandon Neighborhood on our USA Track & Field certified course. The Start/Finish will be near Craft and Draft. Race is rain or shine. Strollers and dogs on a leash are welcome! Register Today for Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn 5K 2023! Bring your family and friends! Here's the link to Sign Up: https://bit.ly/31vPw0w

RACE PERKS: Packet Pick Up on Wednesday, Nov 22 at BackStreets Grill; Quality, Soft Blend, Long Sleeve Race Shirts; Golden Gobble Awards (Always THREE Deep); Great Refreshments at the Finish Line; Best Dressed Awards! Wear your best and most creative Turkey Burn Attire!; Strut Your Stuff to epic tunes provided by DJ IRV; Smile for the Camera! Our professional photographer, JP Photography, will be there to capture awesome pics of you and your flock!

TWO WAYS TO SAVE: Register your Flock! Sign up 5 or more as a Team and get an automatic discount! Use Code: **SHANDON5** and get \$5 off your individual registration rate.

SHIRT DEADLINE: You must be registered by Oct. 26th, 2023 to be guaranteed a shirt! We will order extra shirts! But there are NO



GUARANTEES of a race shirt after the deadline. Shirts can't be held for pick up after the race has occurred. All shirts must be picked up before the race or on race day. We are not able to mail shirts to participants.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need groups and individuals to help monitor our course and cheer on our participants. Got an organization that may be able to help? Please contact Kelly Hynes Morris at <u>khynes13@msn.com</u>.

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE BY: ENGLISH IVY, MASTER GARDENER

Stop! Take a minute to think back to your childhood and your first memory of flowers or gardening. Did you perhaps pick a bright yellow dandelion and present it to your teacher? Maybe you put a carrot top in water and watched the green leaves sprout or, possibly, you planted marigold seeds and watched daily as they magically grew. Those innocent childhood memories merge into gardening being a favorite adult hobby. Fall gardens are a mass of color during a time of transition. Days become shorter, cooler and definitely have less humidity. Summer blooms start to dwindle while new pops of color are being added.

It's time to plant Snapdragons, Pansies, Flowering Kale, and bulbs. When buying bulbs, select ones that are firm. Chrysanthemums are also a favorite flower that can be planted in the ground this time of year. Now that the beds are planted, they will benefit from a 2"-3" layer of organic mulch. Leaves, pine straw, and grass clipping can all be used. The mulch will help maintain moisture, add nutrients to the soil, and support healthy root growth. Aesthetically, mulch adds a well manicured look to the landscape. Not only is organic mulch favorable for the soil and plants but also for wildlife. Several species of moths pupate under leaf litter, fireflies (lightning bugs) hibernate as larvae underground, toads and turtles seek shelter during the cold winter months, and birds feast on a variety of insects found in the debris. This is made possible by having a chemical free garden. The suffix "cide" found in pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticidal soaps means" killer".

Autumn is the season the Monarch butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains migrate to the high mountains of central Mexico. There, they will overwinter sheltering in the oyamel fir forests. This generation has never been to Mexico but has a navigational system steering them to these mountains. Known as the Super Generation, they also live months longer than their ancestors.

Fun fact: Butterflies taste with their feet and smell with their antennae. For more information on Fall plantings and monarchs visit: www.MonarchWatch.org



ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors: I hope this summer has been a good one for you and your family, and I want to update you on a few items I've been working on at the State House.

Work on a long-awaited project to make Five Points more pedestrian- and bike-friendly should begin by this January. I secured \$5 million in state funding a couple of years ago, and public input sessions were held more than a year ago on this project. The number of traffic lanes on Harden Street will be reduced from Devine to Blossom streets, and I'm looking forward to the transformative change and revitalization this project will bring to Five Points.

This past legislative session I was successful in securing \$1.5 million to fix parking and traffic issues on Devine Street from Harden Street to Millwood Avenue. Nothing will be done without public input sessions, and I will continue to work to make our district more walkable and bikeable for all citizens.

Finally, as Summer gives way to the cooler temperatures of Autumn and rising interest in college football, I want to thank you for your involvement and being a good neighbor. I know from first-hand experience that we are lucky to live in a neighborhood like Shandon, and I applaud the work of everyone who is pitching in to make Shandon such a great community. As a former member myself before I was first elected to public office, I know and appreciate how much the work being done by the volunteers and unsung heroes of Shandon Neighborhood Council makes our neighborhood a desirable place to live, work and grow for all residents.

With many thanks to you being such a great neighbor, I am... Yours in Partnership, State Representative - Seth Rose





CREATING A LEGACY DURING LIFETIME

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What is your legacy? When people think of you, what comes to mind? What can you do to start leaving your legacy now? Including parts of your legacy in your estate planning is one way to begin. Making plans during your lifetime can also be beneficial no matter how large or small your estate may be.

The best way to benefit a charitable cause is often by making a gift during your lifetime. If you are unaffected by the estate tax, then there is no reason to wait until your death to make a charitable gift. Make the gift now and you will receive an income tax deduction on your taxes for the year in which you make the gift.

Charities love to receive outright gifts with no contingencies, which allow them to put the money to use for any purpose whatsoever. You can make an outright gift by cash, check or credit card. Often, charities have unforeseen expenses or a need to replace lost funding and unrestricted gifts help to fill the gaps in the budget.

If cash isn't your thing, you can give low cost basis stock to your charity and let the charity convert it to cash. While you would be subject to paying capital gains taxes on the sale of the stock, because of the non-profit status of the charity, it doesn't pay capital gains taxes when it receives the stock from you and later sells it.

Your retirement account can also be a great place to look for funds to donate to charity. If you are over 70 ½ and have an IRA (individual retirement account), and you don't need your RMD (required minimum distribution), you have the option of donating up to \$100,000 of your RMDs to a charity without being taxed on it. This donation goes directly to the charity and your income tax bill will be reduced accordingly This is called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and this year, you can also direct a one-time \$50,000 QCD to a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.

I once had a client who wanted to leave \$10,000 to her church in her Will. She did not need the money now, so I asked her if there was anything her church needed now. She told me that the church really needed an elevator, and later, she decided to give the money to the church. It was a win for everyone; she was honored for her gift during her lifetime and she got to see the church members enjoy the elevator.

Everyone's particular situation is different, of course, so you should meet with your financial advisor to determine the most tax efficient way to accomplish your charitable goals.

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SLOW COOKER CREAMED CORN

2 ¹/₂ frozen corn kernels
1 cup heavy cream
8- oz. package cream cheese, softened
¹/₂ cup parmesan cheese, grated
6 T. unsalted butter, room temperature
1 T. sugar
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Whisk together heavy cream, cream cheese, butter in slow cooker until smooth. Stir in corn, parmesan cheese, sugar, seasonings. Cover slow cooker and cook on low 4-5 hours, stirring occasionally or until mixture is smooth and creamy. Serve hot!

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Friends: The \$21M Shandon Stormwater Drainage project is underway. In the next few months, you will start to see more work being done on your roadways for this infrastructure upgrade. Know that I am working hard making sure funding allocations and logistics are managed properly to get this work done. Also, there are stop signs that are being installed (which may already be when this newsletter is published) at Duncan and Ott, hopefully negating accidents at this intersection. For a comprehensive accounting of my first term accomplishments thus far, please see my website: <u>https://votewillbrennan.com/</u>. It is a privilege to serve as your Councilman and hope to continue work in this role to improve basic services and quality of life in our neighborhoods and city. It is an honor to work as your Councilman to continue this work. If I may ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via phone, email, or social media. Thank you, Will Brennan

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olumbia city council Happy Holidays !







CRIME WATCH

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we always see an increase in crime. While we focus on family, friends and football, criminals focus on crimes of opportunity. We make it easy for criminals by forgetting simple crime prevention tips. Let's turn the tables on criminals by being vigilant and taking away the opportunities.

The best crime prevention tool is to be a nosey neighbor. Look out for your community by being observant and when you see something suspicious say something to us, your law enforcement partners. Community tips solve more crimes than any super sleuth detectives.

Be wary of scam calls during the holidays. Criminals take advantage of our good hearts by pulling on our heart strings to donate money to a seemingly good cause. If you don't know the organization or have a doubt on their legitimacy then don't donate.

Porch pirates steal packages every day left outside at your doorstep. On line shopping during the holidays increase and so will these thefts if we don't protect our orders. Have your neighbor hold the package for you or track its delivery so you can be there when it arrives.

As always, never leave valuables in your vehicles and keep the doors locked. Your vehicle is not a holster, don't leave your gun in it. Remember that most crimes are not committed by violence but under the cover of

darkness and are crimes we can prevent. We need your help to take a bite out of crime.



Happy Holidays! - Sheriff Leon Lott

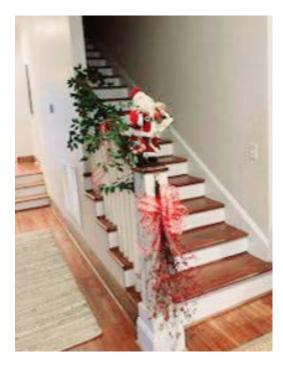
VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER!

Sunday, October 8th is the deadline to register or update your address to vote in City Elections! Don't wait, double check your registration online at <u>scVOTES.gov</u> today.



HOW MUCH DID SANTA PAY FOR HIS SLEIGH?

NOTHING! IT WAS ON THE HOUSE!



HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 pm – 5 pm, the annual Shandon/ Hollywood-Rose Hill "Homes for the Holidays" home tour will be back! The tour committee, made up of volunteers from both neighborhoods, has been hard at work for months already!

There will be seven beautiful homes for you to tour and enjoy, along with some tastings from local restaurants, and a taste of bubbly at each home! In addition, you will find some music along the way! Funds raised this year will again be distributed through a grant process and if anyone is interested, please follow us on Facebook (Homes for the Holidays Tour) for grant application information.

We are most grateful to local artist Zach Lundberg, for volunteering his talents to design our cover for this year's tour booklet! Tickets will go on sale November 1st at Britton's on Devine and are \$35 per person. Online purchasing is available now at <u>www.homesfortheholidays-columbia.com</u>.

If you are interested in becoming a "Friend of the Tour" for \$40 and having your name in the booklet as such, please contact <u>julieruff52@gmail.com</u>. And please follow us on social media! Facebook: Homes for the Holidays Tour, Instagram: homesfortheholidays_cola and Twitter: @ colaholidaytour. We look forward to seeing you there!



THE LOURIE CENTER

In an exciting development for seniors in Richland County, the Senior Resources Board of Directors has announced a groundbreaking unification with The Lourie Center effective August 1, 2023. Aiming to elevate existing senior programming and create a vibrant environment for older adults in Columbia, the collaboration promises to bring comprehensive support for seniors' physical, emotional, and social well-being while fostering a sense of unity and community.

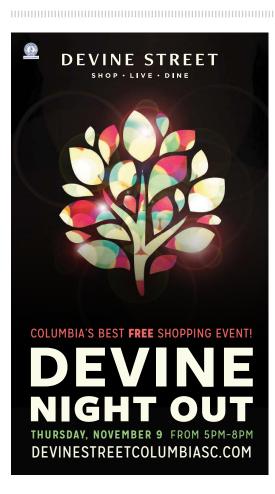
The Isadore E. Lourie Center has long been an advocate for healthy aging, promoting balance, strength, social engagement, and lifelong learning among its members. The unification between Senior Resources and The Lourie Center is set to bring a wave of positive changes aimed at modernizing the facility and making Lourie Center's programs and events even more accessible and inviting to the community it serves.

Columbia City Councilman Will Brennan emphasized the importance of prioritizing the health and wellness of the city's aging population. He praised the collaboration, saying, "The joining of Senior Resources and the Lourie Center will provide the best wellness programs to all older city residents". Senior Resources, a non-profit organization founded in 1967, has been a pillar of support for seniors in the Midlands, impacting the lives of over 4,000 residents each year. The



Lourie Center, a non-profit recreation center established in 1995 for older adults, carries the legacy of the late South Carolina Senator Isadore Lourie. The consolidation of these two organizations is a testament to their shared commitment to serving and enriching the lives of older adults in the community.

With a shared vision, robust programs, and a commitment to healthy aging, these organizations are poised to create a thriving and inviting atmosphere where older adults can flourish. To learn more about Senior Resources and The Lourie Center, visit <u>www.seniorresourcesinc.org</u> or call 803-779-1971. The Lourie Center is located at 1650 Park Circle, Columbia, SC 29201.



SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Spend your holidays shopping like a local! This year, the Devine Street Association is proud to again host "Devine Night Out" on Thursday, November 9th. Enjoy an evening of shopping and socializing in your favorite businesses on Devine. From 5pm to 8pm, retailers, restaurants and professional offices will open their doors to help you start off the holiday season. Don't forget, DNO is for adults, so grab a friend and book the sitter – you're guaranteed to see your neighbors and friends at this exciting event. For a list of businesses participating, simply visit <u>www.DevineStreetColumbiaSC.com</u>. Can't make it for Devine Night Out? Then please remember to continue to support all our local businesses by shopping locally! Keep your dollars in our community! These locally owned stores and restaurants need for us to shop local – shop small – for the holidays!

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS & FOOD INSECURITY

Each year the staff at our four neighborhood schools contacts parents of students thought to benefit from supplemental food and invites those students to participate in a weekend food program. The purpose of the program is to ensure that no student lacks adequate quality food on weekends away from school. St. John's Episcopal Church has provided weekend food bags for students at Hand Middle School for many years and Shandon Presbyterian Church provides food bags for students at A C Moore and Rosewood Elementary and at Dreher High School. The program is funded through the two churches and donations from members and the public. To learn more about the program, contact Rowena Nylund, <u>Rnylund@sc.rr.com</u>; 803-743-7122.



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July Winners: 2809 Heyward 2820 Heyward 3131 Heyward 3434 Blossom 3009 Heyward

August Winners: 2320 Duncan 2430 Heyward



Walk your kids to school! Carpool whenever you can!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7TH!

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. Please check the SNC Facebook page and website for updates about meeting locations. Upcoming dates are November 9 (Devine Night Out), November 13 (Meeting), November 24 (Turkey Trot), and December 3 (Homes for the Holidays Tour). Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com





