

Spring 2023

# SHANDON TIMES

## Neighborhood News

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(2025) Wheat St

### Letter from SNC President Mike McCauley

Greetings, Shandon! I'm honored to lead our Neighborhood Council for the next year, with 14 other volunteer council members, to ensure Shandon remains the best neighborhood in Columbia to live, work, and play.

My wife, Lauren, and I live on Wheat Street with our two sons who are students at A.C. Moore Elementary (Go Bobcats!), our yellow Labrador Retriever (Murray), and our cat (Kitty). This is my fourth year on the Neighborhood Council; previously, I chaired our Traffic & Safety and Parks Committees. We have loved living in Shandon for the last 7 years and attending St. John's Episcopal Church located at the corner of Wheat and Holly Streets.

Serving with me as officers this year are our immediate past president, Michael Jameson, who leaves enormous shoes to fill; president-elect Judy Anderson; treasurer and president-elect of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods Harrison Greenlaw; and secretary Dr. Tricia Seals. Please join me in thanking Kathleen Warthen and Steve Augustine for their years of service as they completed terms on the Council, and in welcoming our two newest members, Emily Saleeby and Vince Schiano.

**Our goals for 2023-24 include more communications and activities - and more communications about all the amazing activities that make Shandon special!** With that in mind, we have two invitations for every household in Shandon: Mark your calendars and join us for: Easter Egg Hunt at Emily Douglas Park (April 8 at 10:00am); Columbia Green's 2023 Festival of Gardens (April 22-23); Fill the Red Truck for Columbia Animal Mission (May 20-21); National Night Out ice cream social at Sims Park (August 1); Palmetto Peanut Boil on Devine Street (September 30); Turkey Trot and Burn 5K (November 24); and the Homes for the Holidays Tour (December 3).

### Attend a Shandon Neighborhood Council (SNC) meeting

**and serve on a committee:** The SNC meets at 6:15pm on the second Monday every other month at Heyward Street United Methodist Church, 2500 Heyward Street. Our 2023-24 meetings will be held May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13, January 8, and March 11. Meeting notices are published at [www.ShandonNeighborhood.org](http://www.ShandonNeighborhood.org) (to be revamped in 2023)

and on the SNC Facebook page. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited. Elected officials, law enforcement, and other community leaders attend and report on what is happening in the city and neighborhood. Officers and committees of the SNC also make reports. Any Shandon resident is eligible to be appointed to a SNC committee, which include: Beautification, Bylaws & Procedures, Communications, Events, Grants, Parks, Traffic & Safety, and Zoning & Code Enforcement. If you are interested in serving on a committee, know of a neighborhood event we should highlight, or ever have a question or concern, e-mail us at [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com). To receive this newsletter and other neighborhood updates by e-mail, or to submit story ideas for the newsletter, e-mail [ShandonTimes@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonTimes@gmail.com).



We have lots in store for this year and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Mike McCauley | President, Shandon Neighborhood Council

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## HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The "Homes for the Holidays" committee wanted to let everyone know that the committee recently distributed the proceeds from the 2022 Tour to 21 of our wonderful local businesses. They were located on Rosewood Drive, Devine Street and 5-pts. We were so thrilled to be able to support these small locally owned great businesses! For more details please follow us on social media on Facebook: [Homes for the Holidays Tour](#), Instagram: [homesfortheholidays\\_cola](#) and Twitter: [@colaholidaytour](#). Thanks to everyone for your support of this wonderful annual fundraiser!

### CRIME WATCH

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner. Let's be prepared for traveling by having your home on property check and not advertising you are gone by leaving out your mail, newspapers, and packages. Thieves look for attractive and easy victims. Be ugly to the bad guys. Always lock your vehicles and never leave anything of ANY value visible, even change in a cup holder. These simple tips can help you not be a crime victim.

- Leon Lott, Sheriff

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*Seth Rose*

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### FILL THE RED TRUCK

May 20th and 21st, 2023

Corner of Heyward and Holly Streets

9am-5pm both days

Join your Shandon neighbors for the 15th Annual Fill the Red Truck supply drive, happening Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st on the corner of Heyward and Holly Streets.

This annual drive collects donations of pet food and supplies (as well as monetary contributions) for the benefit of our four-legged friends at Columbia Animal Services. Funds and supplies collected also help stock the shelter's community pet food pantry for pet owners in need of assistance.

Hosted by Carolyn McKenzie for the last 15 years (with the help of her friends and neighbors), Fill The Red Truck is a weekend-long yard party for a good cause. Animal Care Officers from the city will be on hand all weekend long to answer your questions, and everyone is invited to come say hello and donate to the efforts of Animal Mission and Columbia Animal Services.

The most needed items are canned and dry dog and cat food (especially for puppies and kittens), cat litter, bleach, cleaning supplies, leashes, collars, toys, and small towels. You can also connect with the Red Truck online at [FillTheRedTruck.org](#) to make a monetary contribution or order food and supplies to be shipped directly to the shelter. This online donation option is available year-round.



## COLUMBIA GREEN'S FESTIVAL OF GARDENS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR IN SHANDON

Please mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23 for Columbia Green's Festival of Gardens! The 30th festival is going to be in Shandon showcasing the neighborhoods most beautiful yards. Advance on-line ticket sales begin March 1st. Registration for both days of the event will be at St John Episcopal Church, 2827 Wheat Street. The lovely gardens at the church will also be open for participants to enjoy. Money made from the garden tour will go back into the community through grants to neighborhoods, schools, and other non-profits. Our own Shandon Neighborhood Association has been a previous recipient of one of these grants. If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event, the form, which outlines the different levels of sponsorship, can be found on the website. Sponsor's name and logo will appear on printed materials and electronic media. To purchase tickets on line, review the list of previous grant recipients, or locate sponsorship forms, go to [www.columbiagreen.org](http://www.columbiagreen.org). Docents are needed at each garden and those wishing to volunteer as a docent should contact Toni Hubbell at [tonihubbell@gmail.com](mailto:tonihubbell@gmail.com) or 803-312-3715. All docents will receive a complimentary ticket so they can view the other gardens.



## ELECTED OFFICIALS CORNER

Dear Shandon Neighbors, My time thus far as your councilman has been an honor, and I have enjoyed getting to know you and more about our community's needs.

While our City has been challenged by modifications required for the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to overcome challenges and obstacles, while making improvements that have long been needed for our growing city. Basic services are the foundation of our quality of life, and I continue to strive to improve their seamless delivery, as well as repair, maintain, and improve our infrastructure. I am proud of the work that has been accomplished so far.

To keep our community safe and secure, I have advocated for the Columbia City Police Department to hire many more emergency services personnel, and peace patrol officers, to keep a constant presence. Captain P.J. Blendowski is assigned personally to Shandon as your liaison. In addition to public incident updates, he can answer security questions, schedule security checks and conduct informative front porch "roll calls" at your and your neighbors' requests. If you would like to host a front porch roll call, please contact me to arrange this for you.

I have made significant progress on the Shandon storm drainage improvements project involving our city partners. This project will stop the significant floods at several critical intersections in the Shandon neighborhood by upgrading two trunklines of storm drainage pipes. The latest status update from Dana R. Higgins, PE, LEED AP, our Director of Engineering with Columbia Water, states that the bulk of the design phase for the West trunkline portion of the project is complete. Easement acquisition is the currently underway, and is expected to take 9-12 months, with the construction start date falling 4-6 months after all easements have been obtained. The East trunkline of the project is now 60% designed and will follow the construction of the West trunkline. This project is being funded through the City's Stormwater Bond Program and total estimated project cost is \$21 Million. A more refined construction cost estimate will be developed and available as the design is finalized.

The past year many areas of our streets were repaired in a concerted effort by both our city and state. However, pothole repairs are ongoing, as the geographic placement and geological features of our city expedite the formation of new potholes. I am very grateful for everyone's reports of pothole locations, which have helped facilitate this work, especially the photos and address locations. Please continue to reach out to me to collaborate repair work. We must continue to be vigilant. Pot holes can be reported by calling (803)545-3790.

The effort to establish Quiet Zones in Columbia, including our 14 railway crossings from Gadsden to Beltline, is underway and moving forward, due to successful collaboration over the last three years directed by me with City Council and staff working alongside the Quiet Zone Committee, FRA, SCDOT, Norfolk Southern & CSX.

Rep. Seth Rose and I were able to get a very needed pedestrian crossing and stoplight installed on Devine Street by Backstreets Grill and Il Giorgione.

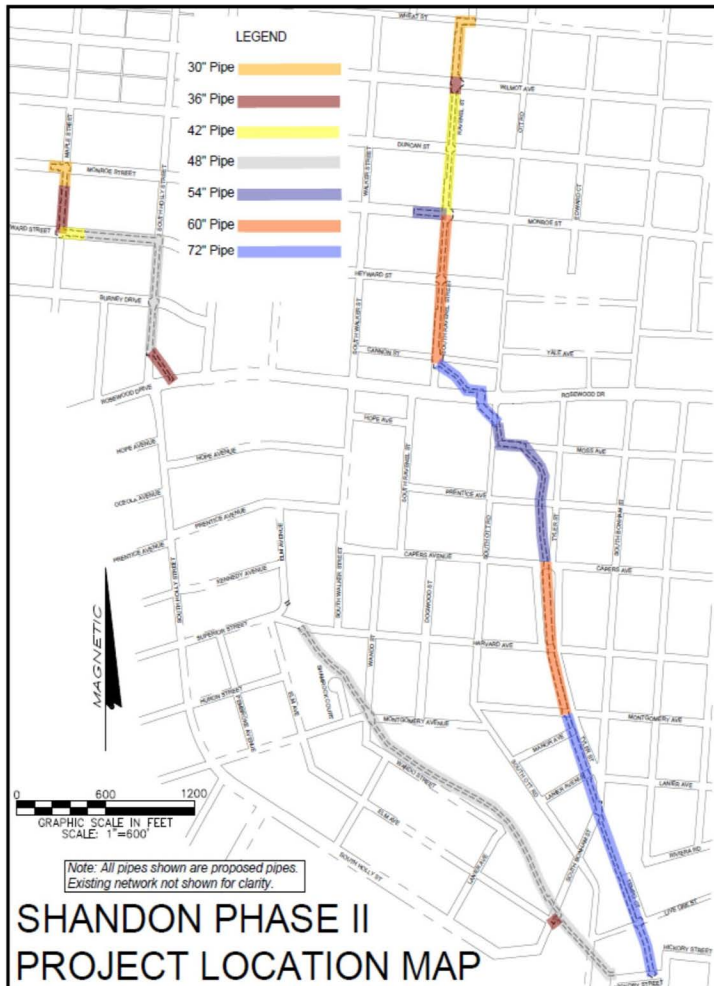
My aim is to ensure planned projects and those in process are finished, but I need your help to accomplish this. Please stay in touch, message me, and follow my social media accounts on both Facebook and Instagram:

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Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I may ever be of service or assistance to you! [Will.Brennan@columbiasc.gov](mailto:Will.Brennan@columbiasc.gov)

Your District III Councilman, Will Brennan





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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. Please check the SNC Facebook page and website for updates about meeting locations. Upcoming dates are May 8, July 11, September 11, and November 13. Email Questions to [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com)

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