

SHANDON TIMES

Neighborhood News

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Letter from Shandon Neighborhood Council

Neighbors,

As of July first, Shandon resident and SNC officer, Harrison Greenlaw, begins a two year term as President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN). This Council, comprised of the 150 neighborhoods of the city of Columbia, encourages communication and assistance between neighborhoods, city leaders and city departments. Key CCN services include small grants and service awards (Neighborhood of the Year, Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year, and Best Neighborhood Program) are noted.

CCN co-sponsors (with Columbia Police and key city services) the city's National Night Out kickoff event before neighborhoods host their own NNO events. This year the city NNO kickoff will be held indoors at the Columbia Convention Center, Thursday, July 27, 5:30-7:30 pm. Food, department and neighborhood displays, and safety in the city with first responders are front and center. Shandon residents are invited to attend the city NNO kickoff and Shandon's NNO at Sims Park, Tuesday, August 1st, 6-8 pm featuring music, ice cream, hot dogs, and neighborhood meet and greet with City officials, Police, and Fire Departments. Shandon has invited Sherwood Forest Neighborhood residents to attend Shandon's NNO this year.

Many Columbia neighborhoods admire Shandon. Why? A plethora of Shandon residents step forward to serve on our 15 person Council, and help with beautification projects (such as last month's cleaning at Emily Douglas Park). Shandon residents assist with neighborhood events from the Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones to the NNO. Other neighborhoods are amazed Shandon mails quarterly, free newsletters designed by a volunteer editor. And, they are envious of our outstanding Turkey Trot fundraiser that affords the Shandon Neighborhood Council an ample treasury to help the neighborhood.

Thank you to Harrison for stepping up to volunteer his time for this important city-wide Council!

CRIME WATCH - THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten-week educational program about law enforcement that highlights the Columbia Police Department, its functions, specialized units, and the criminal justice system. Participants will learn about Crime Scene Investigations, Gang and Narcotics Unit, 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, SWAT and much more! Do not worry, there are no tests or exams, but the Academy does end with a graduation ceremony, dinner and ride-along with one of Columbia's finest. CPD aims to have two Academy sessions per year with one in the spring and one in the fall. Academy sessions will run for 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Iced tea, water and small snack items are provided. Attendees must be at least 18-years old by the first day of class. A background check will be performed on all applicants. It's FREE! However, space is limited. Applications are due at least one week before the first day of the Academy session. If you would like to become a part of the Citizens Police Academy, go to columbiapd.net. Click programs at the top and scroll down to Citizens Police Academy. You can download an application. If you need more information, please call 545-3500.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 16th Annual Palmetto Peanut Boil returns to Devine Street on Saturday, September 30th. Live music, crafts, and of course plenty of boiled peanuts all day! The event is family friendly, and 100% of all proceeds benefit the Animal Mission and specifically the Spay/Neuter voucher program for our citizens. If you think your recipe has what it takes to win the top prize, register a team at PalmettoPeanutBoil.org.



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THANK YOU!

On behalf of Columbia Green, thank you to the Shandon neighborhood council for their support of our Festival of Gardens held in Shandon last April. Because of everyone's support we raised \$24,000 to award in beautification grants to various non profits throughout Columbia. It's the most we've ever raised so way to go Shandon! Proud to be a part of such a wonderful neighborhood. Thanks again to all.

- Lane Quinn, Chair of Festival of Gardens Committee

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our City Councilman, Will Brennan, who was elected Chairman of the Central Midlands Council of Governments on June 1st! The Council of Governments provides local & regional planning and technical support services to improve quality of life across four Midlands counties on matters relating to infrastructure, transportation, workforce and economic development, and it provides funding for services for seniors and people with disabilities. Councilman Brennan's term as Chair begins July 1, 2023 and runs through June 31, 2025.



WILL BRENNAN
SERVING DISTRICT 3
COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The grass may be greener on the other side but it can't be higher than 12 inches in the City of Columbia. Weeds and plant growth, including grasses, annual plants and vegetation that are higher than 12 inches are in violation of the City ordinance. Trees, shrubs, cultivated flowers and gardens are excluded.

DEVINE STREET MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

The Devine Street "Sidewalk Sale" will be again be on SC's Tax-Free Weekend (**August 4th, 5th and 6th**). Come shop the locally-owned shops for the BEST deals of the year! Details on what stores are offering will be published in late July on Devine Street website, www.DevineStreetColumbiaSC.com.

Devine Street is about to get two more AMAZING places to eat – **Sully's Steamers** (a bagel sandwich shop) and **Allie & Eloise Bakeshop**. Stay tuned for exact dates of grand opening festivities!

INTERESTING FACTS:

- 1 It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- 2 The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- 3 If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- 4 Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

Happy Summer
From the Rose Family!



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."

Seth Rose

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

It has been a busy Spring around our wonderful neighborhood! On April 1st, the Shandon Neighborhood Council's Beautification Committee teamed up with volunteers from St. John's Episcopal Church to replant the Heyward Street Triangle Park with native plants courtesy of a generous grant from Columbia Green and expert guidance from master gardener Lynn Yenkey.

Home owners, gardeners, and other volunteers were also hard at work preparing for Columbia Green's 30th annual Festival of Gardens a few weeks later, which featured 12 of Shandon's beautiful backyard gardens and the meditation garden at Emily Douglas Park. The Festival was a smashing success with spectacular gardens enjoyed by a record number of attendees from across the Midlands! Proceeds from ticket sales will fund neighborhood beautification and tree grants like the one awarded to Shandon for the Heyward Street Triangle. A special shout out to Lane Quinn and the Pellett Foundation, which donated tickets to help members and volunteers from The FriendShip enjoy the event. Thank you to Columbia Green, all who attended the Festival, the docents and gardeners who volunteered their time, and the home owners who opened up their yards to the community for a great cause!

If you or your group would like to help with a beautification project, email us at SNCBeautification@gmail.com.

- Andrew Clarkson, Beautification Committee Member



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of our friends and neighbors who helped to make the 15th annual "Fill the Red Truck" event another huge success! Seven truckloads of supplies for the Shelter (Columbia Animal Services) were delivered



over the weekend and more than \$5,000 was donated to help fund the Animal Mission's popular Spay/Neuter Voucher program for our citizens of the Midlands! Dates for next year are May 18th and 19th – see you then!

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CORNER

I'm excited to share some of the things we've been working on in our city. We know that Shandon residents are very passionate and involved citizens, so thank you for being agents of change in Columbia and for caring about our community.

We've been focused a lot on beautification in our city and how to improve our gateways. With 71% of our roads being controlled by the state, and a shortage of upkeep and maintenance money for local communities, we have taken a creative new approach to being a partner. The state is allowing city staff and contractors to perform landscaping, weeding, trimming, edging, and a variety of other measures along their roadways so we aren't left to live with their shortcomings. An added benefit to this is our ability to support local small businesses by offering contracts to get work done as well.

We're also focused on improving customer service in city departments. When I first took office in 2022, the city was behind by almost 6,000 work orders in the water department. That number is around 2,000 now, which means that we are catching up even with new work coming in every day. All of this is being done while our water department is facing a staffing shortage because our city staff has focused on streamlining services and improving response times. All of this does involve some community engagement though, so treat our city like an airport: if you see something, say something. Let us know where we can help or do better and we will work on fixing it!

One last thing I wanted to mention is our ongoing efforts to improve public safety. Across the nation, police and fire departments are having a hard time with recruitment and Columbia is no different. For our police, we are offering \$5,000 moving bonuses and a revamped pay plan that allows CPD officers to earn more money and to earn money without being boxed into jobs they don't want. For our fire department, we are working to raise their pay significantly, adjust our outdated system of offering leave, and find other benefits to improve recruitment. We also announced Operation Hope and Order on June 13th, which is focused on getting the homeless people off of our streets and finding housing solutions for them. We are giving people options for housing, helping them find treatment, and generally showing compassion by enforcing our city rules.

We are working every day for a better Columbia, but we can always use your help. We are open to new ideas and suggestions, so let us know what you think and how we're doing! We look forward to hearing from you and thank you again for caring so much about our great city.

- Mayor Daniel Rickenmann





Shandon Neighborhood Council

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April Winners:

2215 Terrace Way / 2727 Kiawah

May Winners:

2820 Blossom / 3612 Coleman

June Winners:

120 S. Shandon / 2940 Wheat

2823 Blossom / 416 Maple



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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 July 11, August 1 (Night Out), September 11, November 13, November 24 (Turkey Trot), and December 3 (Home Tour). Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com



TURKEY TROT

Join us on Black Friday, November 24th at 10am for this great community race showcasing our beautiful Shandon Neighborhood with its USA Track & Field certified course. Run, walk or trot! Use Code: **SHANDONS** for \$5 off individual registration. Register five or more as a team and get an automatic discount. <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Columbia/ShandonTurkeyTrotBurn5K>

FIVE POINTS NEWS

It has been a very exciting 2023 in the Five Points district thus far! We have hosted several ribbon cuttings since the start of the year – Panterpete Vintage and Sweet GG's Bakery, with several more scheduled for later dates. As always, we thank you for your support of St. Pat's in Five Points. In our 41st year this past March, we welcomed one of our largest crowds, had a sold-out parade, and over 2800 runners, walkers and families participated in our Get to the Green Road Race. We were able to donate over \$55,000 to Midlands' charities this year! And finally, in other news, Five Points was recognized as "Best Shopping District" for 2023 by Columbia Metropolitan Magazine, our first time receiving this honor!

- Heather McDonald, Ex. Dir.

CRIME WATCH - PROPERTY CHECKS

Going on vacation this summer? Want us to check on your house? Go online to columbiapd.net. Under Services at the top, scroll down to Property Checks. Fill out the form and we will check on your property while you are out of town. If you are not computer savvy, just call the Southeast Region directly.

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