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### Letter from SNC President Michael Jameson

Greetings fellow Shandon neighbors,

Winter is here and I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. It has been an immense honor to serve the neighborhood council. After a pandemic-related hiatus, we were able to resume our favorite SNC events this year and it has been amazing seeing the neighborhood socialize and celebrate together once again. It would not have been possible without you and the valuable contributions of our sponsors, volunteers, and members. Let's take a moment and thank those that have assisted with Shandon and our council this year.

First, none of this would be possible without the time and effort of our council members. Their grit and hard work made this year's events truly special and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with this excellent team. This year's Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn SK was a giant success, thanks in no small part to the dedication of organizer Kelly Morris. Big thanks to its sponsors: Adams Eaddy & Associates Insurance, Earthfare, Five Points Association, IL Giorgione, BaseCamp Fitness, Anytime Fitness, Green's Beverage Stores, Law Office of Jason Peavy, Silicon Solutions, Gregory Electric, Assurance Financial Group LLC, Cool Care, as well as individual contributions from our very own elected officials Seth Rose and Will Brennan.

Shandon is very fortunate to have city leaders and elected officials keeping us informed and involved in city decisions. And of course, we are very grateful to the Heyward Street Methodist Church as well as St. John's Episcopal Church for hosting our in-person meetings this past year. Last but not least, a big thanks to Julie Ruff for editing and producing our quarterly newsletter.

In closing, thank you again for making our community such a unique and wonderful place to call home. There is nowhere else I'd rather be. Let's continue to greet each other kindly as we walk and live in this special place.

Sincerely yours,  
Michael | President, SNC



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## HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS TOUR

The 2022 Shandon/Hollywood-Rose Hill "Homes for the Holidays" home tour was again a big success! It was a beautiful day for people to tour the six beautiful homes. The tour booklet was sold out with all the Sponsors and Advertisers who supported us! Special thanks to our tour Sponsors: Mary Lane Sloan/The ART of Real Estate, Joey Bouknight and Bobby Martin/The Automotive Advisor, Representative Seth Rose, Clint Hammond/Mortgage Network, Will and Lauren Brennan, Five Points Columbia, and Cool Care Heating & Air. There are too many Advertisers to list them all, but they are so appreciated! And of course, we could not have the Tour without the Homeowners who so graciously opened their homes to everyone! We also want to thank those who sent \$35 to have their name in the booklet as a "Friend of the Tour" and the Docents who volunteered their time. Last but not least, thank you to the committee members who work for many months planning and executing this fun event every year! As for the tour proceeds, we received a number of applications from local businesses for the tour funds and those who are chosen will be announced soon. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 2023 when we will do all this again!



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING: FIVE POINTS

The Five Points Association is pleased to host Columbia's favorite Irish tradition, St Pat's in Five Points! The 41st annual festival will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, where all things green will be celebrated in spirited Gaelic fashion. This one-day St. Patrick's Day celebration is not only the largest annual street festival in the Midlands, but it also boasts to be the biggest in the Southeast!

Make plans to join your 45,000 closest friends and family where the day's activities will begin with the Get to the Green 5K/10K and 1-Mile Family Fun Run, followed by the St. Pat's Parade. Once inside the festival gates, little leprechauns can visit the Pot O'Gold Playland and festival goers will have the opportunity to enjoy live music performances featuring local, regional and national artists, artisan craft vendors, food vendors, green libations and more! The fan-favorite VIP Suite tickets at Saluda's will be available for purchase this year along with some new VIP experiences the committee is excited to offer in 2023.

The festival is also honored to have the opportunity to work with and support local non-profits in our community, where we will continue the tradition of donating a portion of the proceeds back to volunteer groups who without their support, the festival would not be possible. Over the festival's 40-year history, the Five Points Association has donated over \$1M to local Midlands' charities and we are thrilled to add to that total this year.

For more information on St. Pat's in Five Points, please visit [StPatsColumbia.com](http://StPatsColumbia.com). You can also follow the festival on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok @stpatsinfivepoints. Ceol agus craic! (Music and Fun!) - **Heather McDonald, Executive Director**

## WHAT IS THE SHANDON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL?

**The Shandon Neighborhood Council (SNC) is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization** composed of up to 15 elected residents who volunteer to work together with fellow neighbors, community leaders, and government officials to maintain and improve the quality of life in Shandon. The SNC hosts popular neighborhood events including an annual Easter Egg Hunt at Emily Douglas Park, National Night Out ice cream social at Sims Park each August, and Turkey Trot and Burn 5K on Black Friday. The Shandon and Hollywood-Rose Hill neighborhoods also support the annual Homes for the Holidays Tour. **The SNC meets on the second Monday every other month at 6:15pm.** A time for socializing usually precedes the business session, from 6:00 to 6:15pm. The SNC meets at Heyward Street United Methodist Church at 2500 Heyward Street. Meeting notices are published on the SNC Facebook page and website. 2023 meetings of the SNC will be held January 9, March 13 (annual plenary meeting), May 8, July 10, September 11, and

November 13. **SNC meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited.** Elected officials, police officers, and other community leaders often attend the meetings and report on what is happening in the city and neighborhood. Officers and committees of the SNC also make reports. **Residents of Shandon do not pay dues to the SNC;** however, they are eligible to vote on Council membership and other matters affecting Council governance, such as amendments to the bylaws. Councilmembers serve three-year terms and elections are held at the annual plenary meeting each March. **The SNC publishes a quarterly neighborhood newsletter** delivered by USPS to each home in Shandon. To receive the newsletter and other neighborhood updates by e-mail, [click here](#) to subscribe. **Residents may contact the SNC** by completing the form on its website and via e-mail at [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com). To submit ideas for the newsletter, please e-mail [ShandonTimes@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonTimes@gmail.com).

## BLOOD DRIVE AT EMILY DOUGLAS PARK

There will be a Blood Drive at Emily Douglas Park for the Shandon/ Rosewood Community on January 30th. Please help to save a life by donating for a good cause. All Donors will receive a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona!

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Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

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## KEEP YOUR EYES HEALTHY

There's a lot you can do to keep your eyes healthy! Eye diseases are common and may have no symptoms at first. Regular eye exams by an ophthalmologist can have a life-changing impact on preserving vision. Healthy habits can lower your risk for conditions that can lead to vision problems, like diabetes or high blood pressure. Also, check your family history for conditions such as age-related macular degeneration and glaucoma, and report these to your eye doctor. Risk factors for losing vision include the following: Increasing Age, Obesity or being overweight, A family history of eye disease, such as glaucoma or cataracts, Health conditions including Diabetes, high cholesterol and hypertension

Early treatment is critically important to prevent or slow some common eye diseases from causing permanent vision loss or blindness:

- Cataracts, the leading cause of vision loss in the United States, are correctable, but cause progressive clouding of the vision
- Diabetic retinopathy causes damage to blood vessels in the back of the eye, and is the leading cause of blindness in American adults
- Glaucoma is a group of diseases that cause damage to the optic nerve, leading to blindness
- Age-related macular degeneration--gradual breakdown of the retina, gradual loss of vision
- Ocular tumors which have no symptoms

**Eat healthy foods.** Eat plenty of dark, leafy greens like spinach, kale, and collard greens. Also, flaxseed oil and fish are high in omega-3 fatty acids, which can help with dry eye and also prevention of macular degeneration. **Get active.** Being physically active can also lower your risk of health conditions that can cause eye health or vision problems — like heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and strokes. **Quit smoking.** Smoking increases your risk of diseases like macular degeneration, dry eye, and cataracts. If you're ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free support. You can also check out the resources on [Smokefree.gov](http://Smokefree.gov). **Wear sunglasses.** Protect your eyes from the sun by wearing sunglasses as UV light increases cataracts and macular degeneration.! Make sure your sunglasses block 99 to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB light. Wear protective eyewear. Safety glasses and goggles are designed to protect your eyes from eye trauma during activities such as yard work, and home repairs, and playing sport. You can buy them from most eye care providers and some sporting goods stores. **Give your eyes a rest.** Looking at a computer for a long time can tire out your eyes and cause redness and dry eye. Take frequent breaks and using preservative-free artificial tears as needed. If you wear contact lenses. Always wash your hands before touching your lenses, clean your contact lenses daily, and replace them regularly. Regular annual eye exams with your ophthalmologist, or optometrist are critical in preserving ocular health. Call now to schedule your appointment, especially if you have vision insurance!

- **Kelly Hynes Morris, MD, PhD**

## TURKEY TROT

The Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Run, the Shandon Neighborhoods' signature 5K race for over 40 years had around 475 trotters this year. Runners and walkers of all ages trotted through our beautiful tree-lined neighborhood to compete for "Golden Gobbler" trophies. There were kids in strollers, pets on leashes, and many were outfitted in festive Turkey-wear hoping to win the best-Turkey outfit prize. The trot began in 1981, but in 2019 the race was almost canceled as numbers had been dropping. In an effort to keep it alive, under the supervision of Race Director Erin Roof of Grit Endurance, LLC, many changes were made. A brand-new USA Track and Field certified course was developed, and the date was moved to 10am on Black Friday, to help burn off those Thanksgiving calories. As a result of these modifications, the numbers of runners has quadrupled, and there were many runners from multiple states. The course follows through the neighborhood beginning and ending near Shandon Presbyterian Church and Craft and Draft, where awards were presented. Race proceeds go to The Shandon Neighborhood Council which will use the funds to provide improvements in the historical neighborhood. Suggestions for how to utilize the funds may be sent to [shandondigitalnews@gmail.com](mailto:shandondigitalnews@gmail.com).

## SHANDON COUNCIL OPENINGS

Three slots are opening up on the Shandon Neighborhood Council (SNC) in 2023. The application can be downloaded from the Shandon neighborhood website. Candidates should submit these in advance to [shandonneighborhoodcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shandonneighborhoodcouncil@gmail.com) and they will be posted on the SNC website and Facebook group. Alternatively, the application can be submitted in person at our election meeting on March 13.



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### Halloween Winners:

**512 Amherst**

**2931 Blossom**

**2812 Wilmot**

**119 S. Walker**

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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 January 9, March 13, May 8, July 11, September 11, and November 13. Email Questions to [ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com)

## ELECTED OFFICIALS CORNER

Dear Shandon neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you in the State Legislature as your representative in House District 72. This past session saw us take on challenging issues and bills, while at the same time I was able to help secure more than \$30 million in significant funds for our House District, Richland County, and our city.

In summer 2023, work will begin on the \$5 million state-funded road project for Harden Street in 5 Points. This project will make 5 Points more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly and I worked very hard to provide information at open house sessions and secure funding for this transformative project.

During this year's session, I am working to secure more than \$1 million in state funds for improvements on Devine Street. These funds will be used to help make Devine Street safer and more walkable. Last year, I provided assistance to have a new traffic light installed at the corner of Devine and Meadow streets near Backstreets Grill. This new stoplight comes after my work to install a light at the intersection of Devine and Holly streets to calm traffic and improve safety for pedestrians on the road that has seen increased residential and business activity the past five years.

I am also very excited to sponsor and co-sponsor several bills I am filing, including one which will strengthen FOIA laws in our state, especially when governments do not comply with such requests from citizens or the media. This effort to improve transparency and accountability of local, regional, and state governments follows my vote to adopt Senate bill 202 last year that allowed for more scrutiny over the way school districts in our state spend public tax revenues.

Finally, I'm very proud the State Legislature adopted early voting in South Carolina and widened broadband internet service in underserved communities this past year. Voters can now cast ballots in the 2-week period preceding an

election without having to provide an excuse. Before internet service was expanded by the Legislature, almost 10 percent of our state residents lacked such access including more than 50,000 school-aged children.

As your State Representative, I pride myself on helping people with their government problems. If I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, please let me know. - **Your neighbor, Seth Rose**

Happy New Year  
From the Rose Family!




**"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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