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SNC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year, Shandon! Winter and 2024 are upon us after an eventful 2023 that saw our neighborhood bustling with activity. The 2023 Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn 5K was one for the record books. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Neighborhood Council member Dr. Kelly Hynes Morris, race director Erin Roof of Grit Endurance, and a host of volunteers, the race was the largest in Turkey Trot history with over 700 registered runners of all ages! Special thanks to our generous race sponsors: Adams Eaddy & Associates Insurance, Anytime Fitness, Assurance Financial Group, Basecamp Fitness, Marc Berger Choice Dentistry, City Councilman Will Brennan, Carolina Sampler, Cool Care Heating & Air, Five Points Association, Floyd Group, Foster Law Office, Green's Beverages, Gregory Electric, Il Giorgione, The Moore Company, Law Office of Jason Peavy, State Representative Seth Rose, Silicon Solutions, Richland County Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Stephanie Vokral Consulting, and Watershed Consulting Group.

At the Neighborhood Council's November meeting, we were grateful to receive presentations and updates from Columbia Code Enforcement about long- and short-term rentals and other code matters, from Columbia Water about Shandon water infrastructure projects, and from Gills Creek Watershed Association about steps residents can take to help manage stormwater drainage.

It was also announced that Shandon has been awarded a \$1,200 Love Your Block grant from the City of Columbia for beautification and gardening activities at Emily Douglas and Sims Parks, including establishing garden beds as needed; acquiring soil, plants, and other greenery; and organizing neighborhood planting days. Resident participation is a requirement of the grant so stay tuned for more information and email ShandonParks@gmail.com if you or your group would like to join in the fun!

The remaining SNC meetings for the 2023-24 term are Monday, January 8th, and the annual plenary meeting Monday, March 11th, both at 6:15pm and located at Heyward Street United Methodist Church. All are invited!

Wishing you and your families all the best in 2024,

Mike McCauley | President, Shandon Neighborhood Council



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The 2024 Annual Plenary Meeting and Elections for Shandon Neighborhood Council positions will be held Monday, March 11, 6:15pm, at Heyward Street United Methodist Church, 2501 Heyward Street. An agenda and other details will be available prior to the meeting at ShandonNeighborhood.org and on the Shandon Neighborhood Council Facebook page. Any Shandon resident is eligible to vote in the election of Councilmembers, who are elected at-large. If you are interested in serving on the Council, you must be a resident of Shandon, able to attend 6 meetings per year, and willing to participate in committee activities and the planning and execution of neighborhood events. Bylaws and applications to serve on the Council may be found at ShandonNeighborhood.org. Email ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com with any questions.

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A HUGE SUCCESS: TURKEY TROT

In just five short years, the Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Burn has transformed from a small gathering of 82 runners to a bustling event with 700 participants! This annual 3.1 mile race, which is run on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, has become a beloved tradition in the community, bringing together friends, families, and neighbors in a fun way to celebrate Thanksgiving and burn off those extra calories. The race supports the Shandon Neighborhood and their community outreach programs.

One of the standout features of the Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Burn is the festive costume contests. The costumes truly embody the Thanksgiving spirit and create a lively atmosphere for everyone involved. The Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Burn is more than just a race; it's a celebration of togetherness, health, and gratitude. Runners of all ages and fitness levels come together to challenge themselves and support one another. The weather was perfect and sunny, which made for ideal running conditions through our picturesque neighborhood. As the Shandon Neighborhood Turkey Trot and Burn continues to grow, it will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the community. Mark your calendars for next year's race, which will be on Friday November 29, 2024, and join in on the fun and fitness that the Shandon neighborhood has to offer!

A HUGE SUCCESS: HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Neighbors - we had a very successful "Homes for the Holidays" tour on Sunday, December 3rd! We sold over 400 tickets and it was a beautiful day! It didn't rain!!! Thanks to all our homeowners, Sponsors, Advertisers, restaurants, docents and volunteers, and also thanks to all of you who purchased tickets to support this annual fun fundraiser! We have reviewed the grant requests that were submitted to receive the tour proceeds and the recipients will be posted on our social media as soon as we notify everyone. Thank you again for your support and mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th for the 2024 Tour!



CRIME WATCH

Happy New Year! As we enter 2024 I have reflected on my 27 years as your Sheriff. So many changes have occurred since I started my law enforcement career in 1975. Instead of being reactive, we are now proactive, with the goal of not how many arrests we make, but how much crime we prevent. As you see on the back of our police cars and uniforms we display the words "Peace Officer." This accurately describes our mission of keeping the peace.

Technology has greatly changed, such as DNA, ballistic comparison, cameras, computers and shotspotter, to name a few. All of these technology improvements are additional tools that we use everyday. However, nothing replaces the number one crime fighting and prevention tool we have and that's each other. A caring community that looks out for each other and works with your Peace Officers can never be replaced or underestimated. You have a great community that cares and will always be a model for other communities.

Just because the holiday season is over does not mean criminals take a break. They will continue to look for crimes of opportunity such as packages on porches, unlocked vehicles, keys left in vehicles, and unlit homes. Let's take those easy crimes away from the bad guys. Mail thefts are constantly an issue. Be careful of mailing checks. Always focus on safety.

Thank you for the privilege of being your Sheriff. Let's all have a great 2024!! - Sheriff Leon Lott

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FIVE POINTS NEWS

Greetings Shandon neighbors! The Five Points Association has been busy with several neighborhood beautification projects over the last few months! You may have noticed our newest mural that can be found on the east wall of Gibson's Gift Store by award-winning artist, Shelby LeBlanc, as well as the revitalization of Centennial Park, thanks to the efforts of our Beauti-5 committee. Our electrical boxes have been refreshed with some funky-fun artwork throughout the district and we also launched a brand-new website in the fall.

Did you know the efforts mentioned above are made possible by proceeds from our annual St. Pat's event in Five Points? This year's festival will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, where thousands will descend upon the Five Points district for a day of community merriment. Our events team has been hard at work to bring exciting musical talent, engaging activations, and new experiences to the day's festivities including: a Modern Mocktail Bar, an Irish Alley which will feature a Pop-up Irish Pub, authentic Irish cuisine options to grub on as well as Irish music. We will also see the return of our Lucky Leprechaun VIP Lounge, which was a huge success last year, and so much more! The day's festivities will kick-off with our Get to the Green 5K/10K/1 Mile Fun Run, followed by our extremely popular St. Pat's Parade. A few other dates to be mindful of regarding the festival: Band Announcement Press Conference will take place on January 16 and on February 29, our Official Kick-Off, where we will dye the fountain green. We look forward to having you join us this year!

We would be remiss if we didn't give a shout out to our newest neighbor, Ruby Sunshine. Located at 2030 Devine Street, you'll find brunch menu options that were "born in New Orleans" where they have something for everyone to enjoy. Please check them out soon if you haven't had the opportunity to do so. Lastly, be on the lookout for more exciting announcements we have coming to the district in 2024.

Sláinte! - Heather McDonald | FPA Executive Director



Find it all in Five Points!



**42nd Annual
St. Pat's in Five Points**

January 16 - Official Band Announcement
February 29 - Official Kickoff at the Five Points Fountain - Family Fun! 6-8 pm

Saturday, March 16



Visit www.stpatscolumbia.com for more detailed information

ZONING UPDATES: JUDY ANDERSON

Ian O'Connor, Code Enforcement Officer for the Division of Rentals, spoke at the SNC in November and discussed both short- and long-term rentals. Also present was our new neighborhood officer for Shandon, Shawn McNicoll. The top ten Code Enforcement Residential concerns are as follows: Overgrown lots, Roll carts, Outdoor placement (of items), Peeling paint, Abandonment of cars to include license plates, Front yard parking, Home in extreme disrepair, Premise identification, Residential rental ordinance, and right of ways (maintenance). Further information is available at Code Enforcement Division - City of Columbia Police Department. Both officers emphasized the need for communication and requested that pictures concerning any inquiry would be most helpful; this is one way the neighborhood can assist them in doing their jobs.

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ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CORNER

Hello everyone & Happy New Year! I wanted to remind everyone that in late January the long awaited project to make Harden Street in Five Points more walkable, bikeable and business friendly will begin. I am very pleased to report that I was able to secure the 5 million dollars for this State Project and the wait for this transformative project to begin is over. I have also already secured 1.5 million for Devine Street and hope to obtain more in this years State budget for a future project to correct the parking and traffic issues down this special corridor in our District. Finally, I also helped obtain 9 million in State Funds for an infrastructure project that will finally lead to the development along our City's riverfront that has been talked about for decades. These projects, combined with the thousands of high paying jobs Scout Motors will bring to our city in the near future, means our City's best days are ahead! Great things are happening in Columbia and our House District. If I can ever be of assistance please let me know.

Sincerely, Seth Rose
State Representative





September Winners:

- 2717 Burney
- 2820 Wilmont
- 2818 Wheat

October (Halloween) Winners:

- 2812 Wilmont
- 512 Amherst
- 3601 Wilmont

December (Holiday) Winners:

- 3300 Duncan
- 3304 Heyward
- 127 S. Ott
- 404 Ravenel



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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 8th, March 11th, May 13th, July 8th, September 9th and November 11th. Email Questions to ShandonNeighborhoodCouncil@gmail.com

THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE - ENGLISH IVY

Winter sets in and both the gardener and gardens rest. Favorite winter pastimes for many are birding and having time to browse through the colorful pages of plant/seed catalogues and gardening magazines. Images for the "ideal" garden spring from the glossy pages. In addition to these articles, organizations are another way to expand a gardener's interests and knowledge. Joining these organizations might be very helpful if you are interested and supports their work! The following is a list of associations which have chapters in the Midlands:

- [Audubon Society Columbia SC](#)
- [Azalea Society of America Central Carolinas Chapter](#)
- [Clemson Master Gardener Program](#)
- [Columbia Gem and Mineral Society](#)
- [Garden Clubs of South Carolina](#)
- [Ikebana International Chapter #182](#)
- Mid-Carolina Camellia Society meeting time is 4 pm the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Columbia Garden Club Council Building 1605 Park Circle 29201 (near Maxcy Gregg Park)
- [Mid-Carolina Daylily Society](#)
- [South Carolina Bee Keepers Association](#)
- [South Carolina Chapter of the National Butterfly Association](#)
- [South Carolina Native Plant Society](#)
- [South Carolina Orchid Society](#)
- [South Carolina Naturalist Association](#)
- Vegetable and fruit gardeners will find useful information at the [Clemson site](#)

COUNCILMAN RE-ELECTED!

Friends, as we prepare for winter 2024, my family and I would like to wish you joy, renewed hope, good will, and a very Happy New Year! I am honored to have been elected as your Councilman for a second term. I look forward to continuing the work of building up our community infrastructure and basic services. Thank you for your confidence and vote! If I may ever be of assistance to you, don't hesitate to reach out to me personally!

-Will | Will.Brennan@columbiasc.gov | 803-622-2626

Re-Elected!

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I am honored to continue working for you and our wonderful City of Columbia!

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