



# Inside Columbia



## OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 , Pamela G. Gibson, Master Police Officer was recognized as the October employee of the month. Ms. Gibson has been employed with the Columbia Police Department for 20 years. Gibson maintains a positive attitude, projects her positive attitude in her interactions with co-workers and with the citizens that she serves. Congratulations Pamela G. Gibson.

## THE 36TH ANNUAL CITY OF COLUMBIA VETERANS DAY PARADE

The 36th Annual City of Columbia Veterans Day Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. The parade will begin from the Intersection of Sumter and Laurel Street and travel southbound on Sumter Street ending at Pendleton Street near the State House. The City of Columbia will be honoring those who have served and those serving now.

The Veterans Day Parade is hosted by The City of Columbia, Parks and Recreation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

For more information, please call Kim Mitchell at 803-545-3100 or visit [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net).



## MAYORS ISABEL LAW BREAKFAST

Hundreds of people from the Midlands came to enjoy the southern breakfast cooked by City of Columbia staff.

“As a City, we are a service provider. These are the times we use our service to go above and beyond to promote Breast Cancer Awareness,” said City Manager Teresa Wilson. “We’re making sure we do our part as a City to uplift survivors.”

All proceeds from the breakfast benefited Bosom Buddies, a 501(c)3 organization sponsored by Palmetto Health Breast Center that assists women who are in need of mastectomy camisoles or have other post-surgical needs.

“This is probably the most enjoyable event we do all year. People not just from this city but from all across the region come together in this fight against Breast Cancer. Our lives are very different but we come together as a community in this effort,” Mayor Steve Benjamin.

The Mayor’s breakfast is named in memory of Isabel Law, who was a breast cancer survivor for 26 years and a registered nurse at the Baptist campus of Palmetto Health.



## COOKING HEALTHY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Drew Wellness Center will be offering a Cooking Healthy for the Holidays class on Monday, November 10, 2014 from 5- 6:30 p.m.. Registered Dietarian, Ashley Raash from DHEC's Office of Public Health Nutrition will demonstrate how to prepare delicious healthy meals for the holidays. Participants will be able to prepare and sample a fun, healthy dish that can be added to the holiday dinner table.

For more information, call Drew Wellness Center at 803-545-3200 or visit the Member Services Desk.



## ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes** (Seeking five applicants)

The purpose of the Board of Zoning Appeals Form Based Codes is to hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made the zoning administrator or the Consolidated Review Committee in the enforcement of the code when the property is governed by a form based code. Term - 3 years.

- **Planning Commission:** (Seeking one applicant)

The purpose of this commission is to develop and maintain a continuing planning program which will benefit City of Columbia residents; to provide a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and address local development issues and opportunities; to foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities in order to insure orderly growth, development, conservation and preservation; to furnish technical assistance to city government and its agents; and to review and coordinate federal, state and local programs that have an impact on the city Term - 3 years .

**Applications are due no later than November 7, 2014, 5 p.m.** For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to [cflucius@columbiasc.net](mailto:cflucius@columbiasc.net).

## ART CENTER TO HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

The City of Columbia Art Center will host its annual Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the Earlewood Park Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction is an opportunity for the community to view a variety of unique art pieces created by local artists. The event also will feature artwork from participants in the Creative Journey Program, Fort Jackson's Exceptional Family Member Program and the Art Center's Veterans Art Program.



Proceeds from the event will benefit the Creative Journey Project.

For more information, call Brenda Oliver at 803-545-3093.

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## CONDOLENCES

- Deputy Fire Marshal, Kenneth Smith grandmother, passed away on September 27, 2014 . Funeral arrangements for Ms. Marie Frierson were held on Saturday October 4, 2014

**Please keep them in your thoughts during this difficult time.**

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## LEADERSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA WELCOMES RYAN COLEMAN TO THEIR NEWEST CLASS

Leadership South Carolina, the state's oldest and most recognized leadership development program, welcomes Ryan Coleman to the Class of 2015.

Coleman is the Interim of Economic Development for the City of Columbia. He joins the Class of 2015 and more than 1,350 Leadership South Carolina members who have participated in the nine month program addressing current and critical issues facing South Carolina.

Leadership South Carolina accepts approximately 50 participants a year who demonstrate commitment to their community and strive to reach a higher level of service to the Palmetto State.

If interested in learning more about Leadership South Carolina or to apply, please visit [www.LeadershipSC.com](http://www.LeadershipSC.com).



# A Job Well Done!

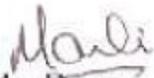


Catherine B. Templeton, Director

*Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment*

October 22, 2014

Marli C. Drum, Superintendent  
Columbia Animal Services  
127 Humane Lane  
Columbia, SC 29209

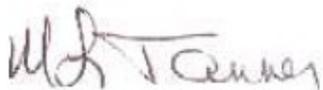
  
Dear ~~Ms.~~ Drum,

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to you and your staff for the cooperation and effort exhibited in the recent case involving the injured raccoon. Officer Flory's skill and dedication were instrumental in the successful resolution of this case. This case was a great example of teamwork among Columbia Animal Services, DHEC Midlands Regional Office, and the DHEC Central Office Rabies Prevention Program. We could not have done it without our partners.

Please thank Officer Flory for me. From his work to confiscate and secure the raccoon on Friday through his success in getting the owner's signature on the release Tuesday night, he was an integral part of our success. It is a pleasure to work with such professional and dedicated staff.

I am grateful for the partnership that exists between our two organizations. I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,



ML Tanner, Program Manager  
Rabies Prevention Program



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# GREEN@WORK

Sustainability News for City of Columbia Employees: November 2014

## Six Ways to Reduce Your Holiday WASTEline

Did you know that Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year? The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about 1 million extra tons per week. Here are a few simple things you can do to reduce waste while you eat, drink and celebrate this holiday season:

1. Wrap gifts in old maps, newspapers, Sunday comics or fancy holiday gift bags. Kids' art work is a perfect wrapping for presents to proud grandparents.
2. Bring your own shopping bags. Paper, plastic and cloth are all good; the latter two can be folded easily into purses and pockets until used.
3. Consolidate your purchases into one bag rather than getting a new bag at each store on your shopping rounds.
4. Plan your shopping in advance. Consolidating your shopping trips saves fuel (and aggravation), and you'll avoid those last minute frenzies.
5. When buying electronic toys and other portable items that are used regularly, remember to buy rechargeable batteries to go with them.
6. Be creative. Instead of buying placemats or table decorations, make your own. Cut old cards into shapes and press between two pieces of clear contact paper.



## WANTED: YOUR MUG SHOT!

Send us a picture of YOUR favorite reusable coffee mug from work, and we'll enter you in a December drawing for a \$10 Drip Coffee gift certificate. Email your photo to Sustainability Facilitator [Mary Pat Baldauf](#).



*Andrea Wolfe from Planning and Development Services loves her mug because it keeps her coffee hot for hours, fits her car cup holders perfectly and looks good on her desk. She adds that it also saves her money as many businesses offer a discount for bringing a reusable cup.*

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*"I can't tell you how beneficial yesterday's conference was to our company. We were able to meet several local companies that should solve some problems we've been trying to tackle for some time. The people (attendees and presenters) were very personable and this allowed for many helpful one off conversations that will prove to be an asset in the future. Jenna and I very much enjoyed meeting you and your team. We look forward to future relationships and meetings."*

Brandon Powell, Google

# YOGA CLASSES AT DREW



## Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29201

803-545-3200

[www.drewwellnesscenter.com](http://www.drewwellnesscenter.com)

Check out YOGA at an ALL NEW TIME



Thursdays  
5:30-6:30 p.m.



Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Wind down after work at our new evening yoga classes! Yoga uses slow movements and stretching to help increase flexibility and balance.

Yoga also helps relieve stress and increase strength, literally, from head to toe. A regular yoga practice can relieve muscular tension throughout the whole body.

For more information, please call 803-545-3200.



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# Save the Date!

## The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

2101 Walker Solomon Way Columbia, SC 29204

[www.drewwellnesscenter.com](http://www.drewwellnesscenter.com)

803-545-3200



FREE to the public!

## Cooking Healthy for the Holidays

When: November 10 at 5:30-6:30PM

Where: Charles R. Drew Wellness Center

Join us and Registered Dietitian, Ashley Raash from DHEC's Office of Public Health Nutrition, as we get the holiday season started by learning about cooking healthier meals in this fun, interactive class! During this cooking demonstration you'll help prepare and sample a fun, healthy dish that you can add to your holiday table.



For more information or to register call 545-3200 or visit the Member Services Desk at the Drew Wellness Center.



# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

## 2014 City of Columbia Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Official & Designated Day-Date
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday— November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday— November 28, 2014
Christmas Day	Thursday— December 25, 2014
Day in conjunction with Christmas	Friday— December 26, 2014



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