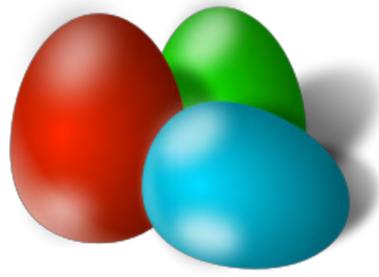




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# City eNews



## The City of Columbia's 2nd Annual Go Red Columbia Fashion Show

Join us for a night of RED at our second annual Go Red Columbia Fashion Show on Friday, March 11 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The Go Red Columbia Pop-up Shop will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the Fashion Show at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchase at City Hall (1737 Main Street), Jabber and Isaac law Firm (1419 Richland Street) or online at Eventbrite: search Go Red Columbia Fashion Show to purchase tickets. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

For more information visit [columbiasc.net](http://columbiasc.net) or contact the Public and Media Relations Department at 803-545-3020.

## Mayor Benjamin and City to Host Let's Move! Columbia Easter Eggstravaganza

Mayor Steve Benjamin and family along with the City of Columbia will host the annual Let's Move! Columbia Easter Eggstravaganza. The event is free and open to the public. This year's event will include interactive games, an Easter bunny costume contest, cooking demonstrations, edible garden workshops, face painting, exhibitors, refreshments and more!

**WHO:** Mayor Steve Benjamin, Judge DeAndrea Benjamin, Bethany and Jordan Grace Benjamin

**WHERE:** Charles R. Drew Wellness Center green space, 2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please call the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email [kcmitchell@columbiasc.net](mailto:kcmitchell@columbiasc.net).

## Puttin' on the Ritz Senior Talent Show

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Greenview Park Senior Club to host the Puttin' on the Ritz Senior Talent Show scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 2 p.m.

The showcase will feature the many talents of local seniors age 55 and older. Performance categories include: vocal, instrumental, dance, comedy, drama, rap, acrobatics, martial arts, juggling or poetry.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at all City of Columbia [recreation centers](#). For more information, please call Tracy Chatman at 803-754-5223 or email [tcchatman@columbiasc.net](mailto:tcchatman@columbiasc.net).

## March 2016 At-Large Open House

**WHO:** Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine and Councilman Howard Duvall, Jr.

**WHAT:** March At-Large Open House

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 5 - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Hall, 1737 Main Street

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 803-545-3061.



*View*

*Puttin' on the Ritz*

*City Talk Interview: [here](#).*

## At-Large Open House

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

5 - 8 p.m.

City Hall, 1737 Main Street



Councilwoman  
Tameika Isaac Devine



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Councilman  
Howard E. Duvall, Jr.

## City of Columbia to Host Upcoming Mentor-Protégé Training Series

The City will host a Mentor-Protégé Training Series on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 9-5 pm at the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. The March 3<sup>rd</sup> training topics will include:

**Confined Space Entry Hazards:** This program will provide instructions on how to recognize hazardous conditions in confined space entry within your workplace.

- Employee training in oxygen deficiency
- Conditions involving immediate danger to life and health
- Personal protective equipment
- safety Procedures

**Excavation and Trenching:** This program provides the attendees with basic hazard recognition, knowledge of the standard, protective systems, sloping of trenches and safe use of equipment around excavations.

- Recognize need for protection from falling materials
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To register, please contact Pamela Jones at (803) 743-1181 or email [pjones@columbiambdcenter.com](mailto:pjones@columbiambdcenter.com)

## Start Fresh! Financial Education Workshop Series

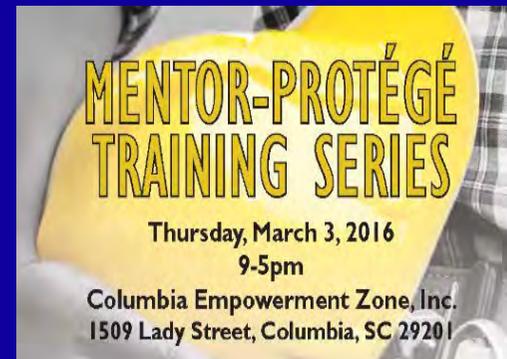
The City's Community Development department will hold three FREE financial education workshops. During the workshops participants will learn and understand the importance of banking, budgeting, saving, building credit and homeownership.

The workshops will be held on March 19, March 26 & April 2nd from 10 AM to 3 PM. Location is TBA. Gift cards will be awarded to participants upon completion and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, please call (803) 545-0280 or email [RPKing@columbiasc.net](mailto:RPKing@columbiasc.net).

## City of Columbia Accepting Applications for Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Grants

The City of Columbia is now accepting applications for Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Grants. At this time, there is no funding available for Community Promotions Grants. Application details are listed below:



- Accommodations Tax Grants provide financial support to non-profit organizations and their projects/events whose mission is to attract tourists by promoting overnight accommodations in the City of
- Columbia. To be eligible, your organization must be a nonprofit with documentation from the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office, with activities in the City of Columbia. It is the intent of this committee to fund the Columbia Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and Capital City Lake Murray for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Applications due by March 18, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. | Download [2016-2017 A-Tax Guidelines/Application](#)

- Hospitality Tax Grants provide financial support to non-profit
- organizations and their projects/events whose mission is to attract tourists by promoting dining in the City of Columbia. To be eligible, your organization must be a nonprofit with documentation from the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office, with activities in the City of Columbia.

Applications due by March 25, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. | Download [H-Tax Guidelines/Application](#)

The City will hold a Hospitality Tax Grant workshop on Friday, February 12 at the Lourie Center, 1650 Park Cir., Columbia, SC 29201.

For information on guidelines, applications, workshops and more, please visit [Columbiasc.net/grants/offered](http://Columbiasc.net/grants/offered).

## City Welcomes Carolina Kernels to Main Street with a Ribbon Cutting

On Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Steve Benjamin and Councilman Davis will host a ribbon cutting to welcome Carolina Kernels to Main St. The ribbon cutting will be held at 2720 Main St., and will begin at 11:00 am.

Carolina Kernels is a gourmet popcorn shop with over 60 flavors, to include: Cookies 'N' Cream, Key Lime, Chocolate Drizzle and the flavor of the month "Toffee." Carolina Kernels has also been selected as OBO's Business Spotlight for the month of February.

Many say that the gourmet popcorn shop is the best kept secret in Columbia but now the word is out, even the Colonial Life Arena sells it during their basketball games! Carolina Kernels is a great place to spend time with family, ideal for parties and they even personalize popcorn for special occasions!

Geneva and Tamala are the mother/daughter duo behind gourmet popcorn shop and their personable and friendly staff is what keeps customers coming back. They have also been recognized for having affordable prices and periodic specials.

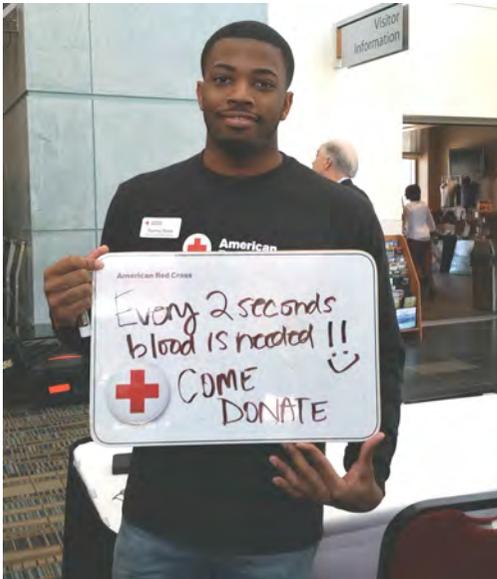
For more information, please contact Sabrina Odom, Executive Director of the North Columbia Business Association at (803) 786-7232 or email [sabrinaodom1@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinaodom1@gmail.com)



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## Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive Collects 167 Pints



Thanks to the generosity of donors, the American Red Cross collected 167 pints of blood at the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive on February 26, bringing the five-year event total to more than 1,550 pints of blood.

Mayor Steve Benjamin, the City of Columbia, and the Red Cross joined forces for this year's drive in an effort to raise community awareness about the need for blood. The event was held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention

Center, 1101 Lincoln St.

The blood drive comes at an important time of year for the Red Cross. Winter weather and seasonal illnesses such as flu can cause a decline in blood donations. But the need for blood is constant. The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to make a commitment to giving blood regularly to ensure enough blood is available when patients need it, no matter the season.

If you were unable to participate in the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive, but would like more information about giving blood or would like to schedule a donation appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Schmooza Palooza

The City's Public and Media Relations Department attended the Columbia Chamber's Schmooza Palooza event on February 24, 2016. The event included networking activities, food tastings and door prizes.

If you are hosting an event and would like the Public and Media Relations Department to attend email [pio@columbiasc.net](mailto:pio@columbiasc.net) or call 803-545-3020.



# City of Columbia Celebrates Women's History Month

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Councilwoman  
Leona K. Plough



City Manager  
Teresa Wilson



Assistant City Manager  
Missy S. Gentry

To view profiles of the City Leaders featured above, visit [www.ColumbiaSC.net/pr/Celebrate-Columbia](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net/pr/Celebrate-Columbia).

Visit [www.ColumbiaSC.net/pr/Celebrate-Columbia](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net/pr/Celebrate-Columbia) to view profiles on our City Leaders during Women's History Month.

# Youth Baseball & Softball Programs

City of Columbia Parks & Recreation

## 2016 Youth Baseball & Softball Program

Registration is open for the City's Youth Baseball and Softball program for boys and girls ages 4-14.



**REGISTER BY FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

Season Begins: Monday, April 4

Fee: \$25 (scholarships available for those who qualify)

Registration forms can be submitted at  
City of Columbia Recreation Centers  
or the Parks & Recreation Department.  
Visit [ColumbiaSC.net](http://ColumbiaSC.net) to download a form.



For more information, please call 803-545-3100  
or email [olfrancis@columbiasc.net](mailto:olfrancis@columbiasc.net).

Parks & Recreation Department • 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203 • 803-545-3100 • [www.ColumbiaSC.net](http://www.ColumbiaSC.net)

# Spring Break Art Camp

## Spring Break Art Camp

MARCH 28-31, 2016

**When:** March 28-31, 2016

**Days:** Monday-Thursday

**Time:** 9 am -12 pm

**Where:** Columbia Art Center  
1928 Calhoun Street

**Ages:** 6 to 12

**Cost:** \$65



Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in this 4-day multimedia visual art experience. The Spring Break Art Camp will include lessons on pottery, drawing and painting, and recycle art. All materials are included with the registration. A minimum of 4 participants and a maximum of 12 will be accepted in the class. **Registration due: March 14, 2016**

### Registration Information—Spring Break Art Camp

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check or money order payable to City of Columbia. Mail registration form and payment to Columbia Art Center, 1928 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC.



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Columbia Art Center  
1928 Calhoun Street  
Columbia SC 29201  
803-545-3093  
bloiver@columbiasc.net

[Download Form](#)

# Mentor-Protégé Training Series

## MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ TRAINING SERIES

Thursday, March 3, 2016  
9-5pm

Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc.  
1509 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Presented by:

SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation:  
SC Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
[www.scosha.llronline.com](http://www.scosha.llronline.com)

Sponsored by:

City of Columbia Mentor-Protégé Program  
[www.columbiasc.net/business-outreach/mentor-protége](http://www.columbiasc.net/business-outreach/mentor-protége)

To register, contact Pamela Jones at (803) 743-1181  
or [pjones@columbiambdcenter.com](mailto:pjones@columbiambdcenter.com).



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## TRAINING TOPICS

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# Let's Move! Columbia Easter Eggstravaganza



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Join Mayor Steve Benjamin & his family for a fun day of eggventure!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26 • 11 AM - 2 PM**

**CHARLES R. DREW WELLNESS CENTER**

**2101 WALKER SOLOMON WAY**

**For ages 3 to 12**

Interactive Games

Easter Bunny Costume Contest

Face Painting

Cooking Demos

Exhibitors

Edible Garden Workshops

Refreshments and more!

**FREE**

\*No baskets required

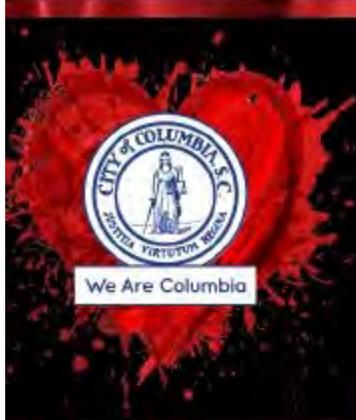
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# Go Red Columbia Fashion Show

The City of Columbia Presents the 2nd Annual



## GO RED Columbia Fashion Show

Friday, March 11, 2016

Go Red Columbia Pop-Up Shop: 5p.m.

Fashion Show: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
1101 Lincoln St.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

City Hall, 1737 Main St.

Jabber and Isaac Law Firm, 1419 Richland St.

Eventbrite.com: search Go Red Columbia Fashion Show

All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

#GoREDColumbia

For more information, call the Public and Media Relations Department at 803-545-3020.  
ColumbiaSC.net

# St. Patrick's Day \$17 Pet Adoption Special

BRING GOOD LUCK TO A SHELTER PET THIS  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
**\$17 Adoption Special**  
MARCH 14TH-19TH



**Columbia**  
**Animal Services**  
803-776-PETS (7387)  
127 Humane Lane



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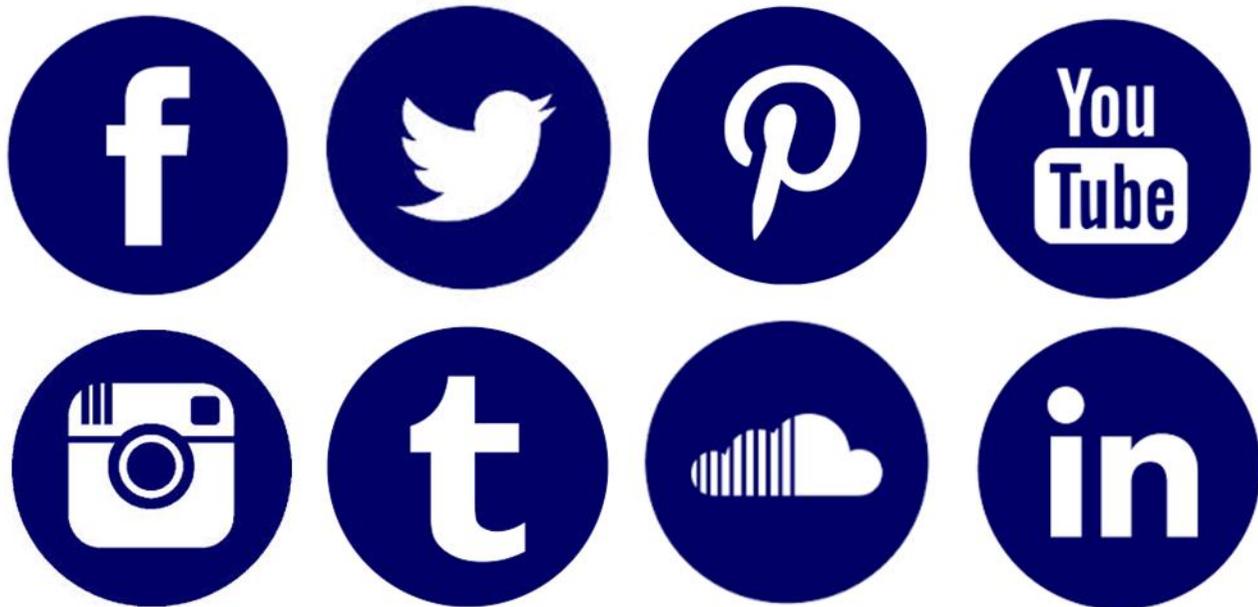
[Lex-Co.SC.gov](http://Lex-Co.SC.gov)

Go To [Petfinder](#) View Our Adoptable Pets

# Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
March 7 at 5:15 p.m.	Planning Commission (PC) Meeting	City Hall 1737 Main Street
March 8 at 10:00 a.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals (BoZA) Meeting	City Council Chambers City Hall
March 10 at 4:00 p.m.	Design/Development Review Commission (DDRC) Meeting	City Council Chambers
March 16 at 12:00 p.m.	CEZ, Inc. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	1509 Lady Street Columbia, SC 29201
March 22 at 12:00 p.m.	ECDC, Inc. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	3905 Ensor Avenue Columbia, SC 29203

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