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The second edition of the District 3 newsletter comes to you along with my heartfelt wishes that you and your family members have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. I hope the information in this issue helps you to plan for the coming year as well as acquaint you with city programs and assistance.

I encourage you to contact me to discuss any suggestions or concerns about issues you may have. You can reach me by cell phone at (803) 413-1187 or you can send an e-mail to me at casey@lex2.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Palmetto Pride Awards West Columbia Beautification Grant for Fowler Park

The City of West Columbia received a Palmetto Pride Grant in the amount of \$3,100 for a beautification project at Fowler Park. The recreational area, located off Augusta Road at C Avenue and 17th Street, has picnic areas, shelters and modern playground equipment. The city applied for a beautification grant to fund the cost of planting flowering trees and shrubs along the perimeter of the park and was notified on December 15, 2012 that it was a 2013 grant recipient. Beautification plans include installation of colorful plant materials such as azaleas, daylilies, and crepe myrtle trees as well as an irrigation system to ensure the plantings will remain healthy and thrive. Long-needle pine straw, readily available from pines trees in Fowler Park, will provide ground cover and natural insulation.

The renderings below indicate the vibrant transformation.



The play area before plantings.



The same area after proposed plantings.

City staff designed a thoughtful approach to providing color throughout the park while skillfully screening nearby housing. The location of the planting beds will maximize visual impact while preserving areas used for recreation.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 200 N. 12th Street.

COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS
are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Lights Along the River

Festive Christmas lights decorate the pathway on the West Columbia Riverwalk Park. Residents are invited to walk along the Riverwalk path and enjoy the special seasonal lighting. The holiday lights will remain up until after New Year's Day. The Riverwalk Park closes at 9 p.m.



Household Waste Holiday Pickup Schedule for 2013

Holidays change pick up days for normally scheduled sanitation routes. The West Columbia Sanitation Department will collect household waste and yard debris during holidays in 2013 using the following schedule:

Holiday	Normal Collection Date	New Collection Date
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1	Wednesday, January 2
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21	Tuesday, January 22
President's Day	Monday, February 18	Tuesday, February 19
Friday Before Easter	Friday, March 29	Wednesday, March 27
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	Wednesday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	Tuesday, September 3
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 11	Tuesday, November 12



Fire Safety Critical During Cold Months

The West Columbia Fire Department encourages residents to practice safe habits as the weather turns colder. Indoor heating systems and seasonal decorative candles are often used, which elevates the chance of a fire. Portable kerosene heaters and wood burning fireplaces are two types of heating that can cause severe injury and/or significant property loss if not properly used and maintained. Knowing how to handle fire is key.

According to Fire Chief Wyatt Coleman, home fires are mostly preventable and to help citizens practice fire safety during the winter, free safety brochures are available at the West Columbia Fire Station, located at 610 North 12th Street. The brochures cover such topics as *Safety with Portable Kerosene Heaters*, *Heat Without Getting Burned*, *Be Fire Smart When Using Candles*, *Kitchen Fire Safety*, and a *Home Fire Prevention Checklist*.

West Columbia Fire Department personnel also will inspect homes for proper placement of smoke detectors and offer instruction on their use and maintenance. Free smoke detectors are available to elderly and needy families. To obtain more information on the smoke detector program, please call the Fire Department at (803) 791-4440.



Mature landscaping compliments the distinctive City Hall building

City Celebrates 8 Years at Location

West Columbia opened the wide triple doors of its new city hall eight years ago in December 2004. Moving from a cramped and deteriorating building on Center Street, West Columbia proudly stepped forward into the future with a spacious building that was designed to be technologically advanced to handle the increasing computer needs of the city staff while efficiently serving the citizens.

Over the past eight years the city has continued to improve the area surrounding the building with various beautification projects. Mature crepe myrtles and saucer magnolia trees were initially donated to the city for planting along Shull Street. Several years later a wrought-iron fence and elaborate brick sign were added in the corner of the property at the intersection. Landscaped beds with daylilies, lirioppe, and Knockout Roses livened up the entrances. Pedestrian-scaled, decorative street lighting along 12th Street is being installed and should be completed by March.