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Letter from the President



Dear Neighbors,

The next neighborhood council meeting is Monday, July 9. An important item on the agenda will be traffic concerns and speeding in the neighborhood. The SNC has begun a conversation with the City's Traffic and Engineering Department, as well as the Columbia Police Department, about creating a comprehensive plan to address these issues. It is very important that we hear from as many neighbors as possible regarding this. We as neighbors will be most affected by any plan implemented. Lowering the speed limit in the neighborhood to 25 mph, additional stop signs, speed humps and other items will likely be discussed. Please take a moment to contact a SNC member, send an email through the [website](#) or post your thoughts on [Facebook](#). Plan to attend the July 9 meeting if you can and help us spread the word.

The neighborhood council has also been asked to discuss the basketball court at Sims Park. Representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department will attend the July 9 meeting to talk about profanity and conduct at the court and possible solutions. We welcome your input on this matter as well.

Canine neighbors and their owners will be happy to hear the Dog Park at Emily Douglas is becoming a reality. Plans to fence an area to the west of the clubhouse (near Terrace Way) are underway. This will be a great place for dogs to be off-leash in a safe and secure area. Private fundraising is taking place if you would like to contribute (details below).

Don't forget Family Movie Night is back! Please join your neighbors for these fun evenings (details [page 2](#)). Thank you, Mary Lane Sloan, for bringing this to Shandon again this year.

Finally, mark your calendars for the ever popular National Neighborhood Night Out on August 7 at 6 pm at Emily Douglas Park. The Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream truck has been booked, and the splash pool will be on for the children. Please check the [website](#) for more details as plans come together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Councilwoman Belinda Gergel for her service to District 3 and Shandon. Dr. Gergel's participation at our neighborhood council meetings and events has been greatly appreciated. Her tireless efforts will not be forgotten as her term ends on June 30 and she retires. We welcome our new Councilman (and Shandon neighbor), Moe Baddourah, as he begins his term on July 1.

I hope to see you around Shandon soon.

Carla Moore
SNC President

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Shandon Neighborhood has been approved to have a dog park built in Emily Douglas Park. However, the city has asked that the neighborhood contribute to the cost. If you would like to support this project you may do so by making a donation. Make checks payable to Columbia Parks & Recreation Foundation and mail to: Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation, P.O. Box 573, Columbia, SC 29202. Be sure and make a note that it is for the dog park at Emily Douglas.



***Congratulations to
Yard of the Month Winners!***

APRIL - SUE JACOBS
2421 Monroe Street

MAY - WILLIAM & PATRICIA DICKSON
2734 Wheat Street

JUNE - ROBBIE SOCKWELL
614 Sims Avenue

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT in the Park!

Don't miss these fun nights in the park! Gate will open at 7:30pm and movie will begin at 8pm; admission is a canned good for Harvest Hope. FREE popcorn and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Sponsored by: Mary Lane Sloan, Prudential Midlands

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| Friday, July 6 Mary Poppins | Friday, August 3 Toy Story 3 | Friday, Sept. 7 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe | Friday, Oct. 5 The Princess Bride | *Movies are subject to change; please check the SNC Facebook page or TheARTeam.net for updates. | |
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SHANDON SHAPE-UP

Take your workout to the park! Exercising outdoors in a fun atmosphere can make your workout more enjoyable. Our Shandon Neighborhood has several parks that you can take advantage of and there is no lugging around equipment—it's already there.

Here are some examples of exercises to do once you get to the park. Go through each of the exercises one by one for 30–60 seconds and switch quickly to the next exercise. Beginners may want to stop with one set. The more advanced exerciser may want to go through two

or three times. Always start with a warm-up. Walking or jogging to the park will be a great way to start and finish your workout session.

- Push-ups on the bench or playground bar
- Monkey bar pull-ups
- Park bench step-ups
- Park bench dips
- Abdominal crunches on the slide

Remember your water bottle to help keep you hydrated in the sun. Most of all, have fun!

Brooks Wheeler, Certified Personal Trainer
www.best-self-fitness.com

Flooding: Columbia's Balancing Act with Mother Nature

We all think we are in control of a lot of things, but at the end of the day, there are some things that we cannot bend to our will. Mother Nature is one of them. The history of flooding in Columbia is one that predates regulations imposed to ensure proper design and construction. The result has been a long struggle with Mother Nature, costing the taxpayers of Columbia more than \$6M dollars a year.

Having seen firsthand the devastation caused by rainstorms, I remain upbeat and focused on efforts that can help minimize the impact of flooding events. We are working to identify projects that can help address the system's capacity issues while also seeking to utilize low impact development (LID) techniques to reduce the amount of water entering the system. There is an exciting pilot project underway that will involve LID techniques in several blocks in Shandon. Upon completion, we will evaluate the potential impact and the neighborhood's interest in expanding it to other areas.

It is not a question of if it will flood, but only when. So, everyone must accept responsibility and help to make sure storm drains are clear. Avoid placing yard debris close to or on top of a drain. Have emergency kits on hand and put important photos and other items in waterproof containers. And remember never to cross roadways covered with water. It is difficult to gauge how deep the water is or how fast it is flowing and it only takes a small amount of water to wash away a vehicle. In addition, the wake caused by motorists driving through standing water exacerbates the impact of the floods to the surrounding properties. Drivers should always turn around and find another route.

The City is fortunate to have a strong working relationship with groups such as the Shandon Neighborhood Council. Even with the fury of Mother Nature unleashed, with all of us working together to address critical issues that impact our community, we can certainly make a difference.

Contributed by Missy Gentry, PE, Assistant City Manager | msgentry@columbiasc.net, 803-545-3782

For more info, visit <http://columbia.sc.gov/index.cfm/departments/utilities-engineering/stormwater>



Sims Park Events Calendar

Sims Park 3500 Duncan Street, 733-8451

Summer Camp

May 28 – August
Monday – Friday
7:30am – 6:00pm
Ages 6–12

\$45 per week for each child

Organized games/activities, field trips, reading and science enrichments in a safe and friendly environment.



Spray Pool

June – August 2012
Monday – Friday
10am – 12pm/4pm – 6pm
Free to public

Wear your swimsuits for fun in the sun!



Independence Day Picnic

July 3, 2012
4:30pm – 6:00pm
Ages 6–12

Bring your blanket for a picnic in the shade.



Water Balloon Toss and Relay

August 10, 2012
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Ages 6–12

Come prepared to get wet!



Movie Night

September 2012
Each Friday of the month
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Ages 6–12

Bring your popcorn. Drinks provided!



Shandon Neighborhood Council is considering asking the City to lower the speed limit all over our neighborhood to 25 mph. Representatives from the city will be at the next neighborhood meeting on Monday, July 9th, so if you would like to hear the discussion and express your opinion please plan to be there!



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FIVE REASONS TO EAT LOCAL



- 1. Local foods are fresher.** Locally grown fruits and vegetables are usually sold within 24 hours of being harvested.
- 2. Local foods have less environmental impact.** The average fresh food item travels 1,500 miles to get to your supermarket's grocery aisle; buying locally produced food eliminates the need for all that fuel-guzzling transportation.
- 3. Buying local food keeps us in touch with the seasons.** By eating with the seasons, we are eating foods when they are at their peak taste, are most abundant and least expensive.
- 4. Eating local means more for the local economy.** When you buy direct from local farmers, your dollars stay within your community, and strengthen the local economy.
- 5. Local foods promote food safety.** The fewer steps there are between your food's source and your table, the less chance there is of contamination.

History of Shandon *By Robin Copp*

What is known today as Shandon was originally a high plateau of rolling farmland. The name Shandon came from R.S. DesPortes, who was interested in the property and equated it with the beauty of Shandon, Ireland. He also thought the name would be a complement to R. W. Shand, then president of the Columbia Land and Development Company, which began purchasing acreage in the area in 1890.

The area of today's Shandon followed the same scheme as the original city with four-acre blocks and wide, tree-lined streets. In 1894, the circular extension of the streetcar track provided city residents with summertime outings and caused sales of lots to boom.

Incorporated as a town on March 8, 1904, a new streetcar line built in 1910 down King Street from Devine to what is now Rosewood Drive spurred a rapid spread of homes into the area. When annexed to Columbia in 1913, the intersection of Devine and Woodrow became the town center. The 1909 Schneider School and three handsome brick stores were all located there. By 1917, the Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians had established churches in the growing community.

Every resident of Shandon belonged to the dues-free Community Club. This organization met on the first Monday of every month to foster a friendly community spirit, to beautify the environment, and to encourage civic pride. Touted as the healthiest suburb and finest place for children in the United States, Shandon continued to grow from rolling fields to become a small cohesive town.

The homes in Shandon originally followed the early 1900s popular Prairie style of Four-Square two-story dwellings. As the suburb grew, 1920s cottage and bungalow styles became prevalent. Many new homes were added in the 1930s and 1940s, accommodating Columbia's growth and the reactivation and expansion of Fort Jackson. By the 1950s the area had become an "old community" because many residents had reached retirement age. But the proximity of the neighborhood to urban amenities had great appeal to young families who began to buy, renovate, and remodel the older homes in the 1960s.

Today Shandon is truly a vibrant, multi-generational community. This turn of events has brought about a renaissance. Schools, churches, and businesses are thriving, serving the neighborhood with a growing variety of stores and restaurants.

With the historically unique homes reflecting over 100 years of architectural heritage, sidewalks, and wide tree-lined streets, Shandon has become one of the most desirable residential areas in the City of Columbia. Parks located throughout the neighborhood provide pleasant spaces for recreation and relaxation. Convenient to Columbia's businesses and cultural attractions, Shandon is a beautiful place to live.

Recipe Corner

Individual Tomato Tarts

Great summer recipe from Mary Greene, taste tested by the Homes for the Holidays Tour Committee—Yum!

- 1 (10 ounce) can of Rotel tomatoes, well drained
- 1 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
- ½ cup bacon bits
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 packages Crescent "Spirals"

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first four ingredients. Roll out Crescent spiral dough. The dough is already scored into 8 spirals; cut the dough in half across the spirals so that you have 16 pieces. Spread part of the mixture on each half of dough, leaving 1 inch on long end to seal. Cut dough along perforations. Spray four miniature muffin tins with Butter Flavored PAM and press each rolled portion of dough into the tin. Repeat with remaining two tubes of dough. Bake for 15 minutes until golden brown. Use a table knife to remove from tins.

(I have found the dough in the refrigerator section at the Pig or Wal-Mart. It is by the Crescent roll dough but cut into spirals instead of triangles. If you can't find it, you can also use 3 boxes of mini filo shells. Just fill each shell with some of the mixture and bake for 15 minutes).

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please contact Julie Ruff at jlruff@sc.rr.com.



Seth Rose

Dear Shandon Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve you on County Council. I will continue to work hard for our community and strive to give you the best and most accessible representation possible.

If there is anything I can do for you please contact me on my cell phone at 803.361.2360.

Most sincerely,
Seth Rose

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Green tip

SWITCH IT OFF

Unless you use your microwave for a clock, unplug it when you're not cooking with it. The average microwave uses more energy to power its digital clock than to heat food.

Thanks to everyone who donated to buy canine vests for our City of Columbia police dogs. We collected \$1,400 and were able to pay for two vests! Special thanks to Polly Thompson for spearheading this great effort!

2012 Meetings of the Shandon Neighborhood Council: Meetings are held the second Monday of every other month and begin at 6:15 pm. **July 9** at Emily Douglas Park
September 10 at Sims Park • **November 12** at Emily Douglas Park

UPDATED RECYCLING LIST

Items Collected Curbside for Recycling in the City of Columbia:

- **Aluminum cans** (Please crush)
- **Steel cans + lids** (Please place lids inside of can)
- **Plastic bottles, jugs and jars** (Lids attached ok)
- **Glass bottles, jugs and jars;** clear, brown and green only (Remove lids)
- **Empty Aerosol Cans** (Remove lids, be sure cans are empty)
- **Magazines**
- **Junk Mail and Office Paper**
- **Newspaper and Newspaper Inserts** (Anything that comes inside of the newspaper is ok. No newspaper bags. Please do not tie or bind newspapers)
- **Corrugated Cardboard Boxes** (Flatten, please remove packing materials)
- **Paperboard Boxes** (Cereal boxes, food packaging boxes, etc. Flatten, remove plastic liners)

The following items are **NOT** recyclable in City of Columbia curbside recycling bins:

- **Phone Books**
- **Plastic Bags** (Can recycle at most grocery stores)
- **Styrofoam** (Can recycle meat trays, egg cartons at most grocery stores)
- **Yogurt Containers**
- **Blue Glass**
- **Glass in any other shape or form** (Must be bottle, jug or jar shaped; no broken plates, drinking glasses, windows, light bulbs, etc.)
- **Plastic in any other shape or form** (Must be bottle, jug or jar shaped; no fruit/food containers, cups, bags, etc.)



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