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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

South Carolina business recruitment tops \$4.2 billion in 2015

See the Top 10 Announcements of 2015. South Carolina posted another solid business recruitment year in 2015, with capital investment recruited to the state topping \$4 billion. From January to December 2015, the state won 150 economic development projects, totaling \$4.21 billion in capital investment and 17,280 jobs by new and expanding businesses. [Read More](#)

Congaree Vista Guild welcomes new Board of Directors

The Congaree Vista Guild, a non-profit, membership-based organization comprising a wide variety of restaurateurs, shop, business and gallery owners, as well as homeowners in Columbia's Vista, has elected a new Board of Directors for 2016. [See More](#)

Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission establishing operations in Columbia, SC

Dominion Resources, Inc., one of the nation's largest producers and transporters of energy, is expanding its operations in the Southeast. [See More](#)

Bombers, Blowfish, and Fireflies

By W. Thomas Smith Jr.: If you're a baseball fan, you probably know something of the history and evolution of our city's minor-league baseball teams. And if you are casually interested, you might like to know. [See More](#)

Governor Nikki Haley to be honored at City Year Columbia 2016 Ripples of Hope Gala

City Year Columbia, an education-focused nonprofit whose teams of diverse young adults commit to a year of full-time service in schools, will honor Governor Nikki Haley at its annual Ripples of Hope Gala on February 25th. [See More](#)

Carolinas AGC Announces 2016 Board of Directors

Carolinas Associated General Contractors (Carolinas AGC) announce the 2016 Board of Directors. [See More](#)

What is your role in the family business?

By Edward W. Kramer, CFP: Family businesses often have competing goals of the family and the business because the family side of the company (i.e., members of the family) usually wishes for stability and continuity, while the actual business requires constant adaptation and change. [See More](#)

S.C. Phil to explore jazzy side of classical music

Orchestral music takes more forms than often realized, and the South Carolina Philharmonic will explore its jazzy side in All That Jazz, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6th at the Koger Center. [See More](#)

Free Legal Clinic – Family Law Issues - February 8th

The SC Bar Pro Bono Program is sponsoring a free legal clinic. [See More](#)

DEW, DSS partner on employment and training program

Gov. Nikki Haley announced a partnership between the Department of Employment and Workforce and the Department of Social Services that will transfer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program from DSS to DEW. [See More](#)

Celebrate World Cancer Day-Mardi Gras-Style at the Alala Gala - February 9th

The Alala Cancer Society invites you to Celebrate World Cancer Day, Mardi Gras style at the Alala Gala. Each \$25/ticket benefits survivors of ALL kinds of cancer anywhere in SC. [See More](#)

Columbia Fireflies to host job fair for 2016 season

The Columbia Fireflies will be hosting a job fair for the team's inaugural season at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on Saturday, February 13th. [See More](#)

A Balancing Act – Blending Personality With Professional Culture

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Have you ever felt the pressure to conform? I'm willing to bet you have, and it's important to know you're not alone. A lot of people deal with the constant pressure of modulating their personality to conform with the standards of their employer or industry." [Read More](#)

Out of State Drivers Pay 30 Percent

Bill Ross, South Carolina Alliance to Fix Our Roads: This past week the Senate Finance Committee met to discuss the status of a bill to improve South Carolina's roads. The committee is also considering cutting nearly \$400 million in income and business taxes.

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More than 400 South Carolina families helped through Realtor® flood program

In October of 2015 South Carolina REALTORS® in partnership with the National Association of REALTORS®, began offering assistance to South Carolina's flood victims through the REALTORS® Relief Foundation. [See More](#)

The MGC Long Run

The MGC Long Run returns to #famouslyhot Columbia, SC on Saturday, February 6. The MGC Long Run joins forces with the USO South Carolina for a second year, helping celebrate the USO's 75th anniversary. [See More](#)

Strategic Development Group helps Nutramax Laboratories expand Lancaster County operations

Strategic Development Group (SDG), one of the nation's leading corporate site selection and economic development consultants, has helped Nutramax Laboratories expand their Lancaster County operations. Nutramax, a leading manufacturer of nutritional supplement products for people and their pets, will invest \$15 million and create 125 new jobs. [See More](#)

New face of EdVenture found at FROST Gala

Museum Hosted Unique Live Auction To Benefit Under Resourced Families in South Carolina. EdVenture Children's Museum auctioned the opportunity for a child to be the 2016 Face of EdVenture at the FROST gala last Saturday at the museum. [See More](#)

House plans to furlough additional week in February

House Speaker Jay Lucas (District 65-Darlington) announced that the House plans to furlough an additional week over February 15th, 2016. [See More](#)

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina promotes Stephanie Kripa Cooper-Lewter

Stephanie Kripa Cooper-Lewter, Ph.D., M.S.W., has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Initiatives and Public Policy for the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. [See More](#)

Columbia electrical engineering firm's reputation grows

GWA, Inc. was presented an Engineering Excellence Award at the ACEC-SC annual Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony held at the Columbia Museum of Art on February 2 for the Devro Manufacturing Facility Expansion. [See More](#)

Holder Properties tops out second phase of 650 Lincoln at USC

Holder Properties announces the topping out of the second phase of 650 Lincoln. 650 Lincoln is located on the campus of the University of South Carolina and features 279 apartment-style units to accommodate 881 students, 25,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space, two parking garages and a host of other amenities. [See More](#)

Palmetto Health celebrates Heart Hospital's 10th year

While the hospitals of Palmetto Health have been treating heart patients in the Midlands for 50 years, this February marks the 10th anniversary of Palmetto Health Heart Hospital—South Carolina's only freestanding hospital dedicated solely to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. [See More](#)

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. [See More](#)

Columbia College presents "Creative Couples," an exhibition of Nine Artistic Partners in South Carolina

The Goodall Gallery at Columbia College continues the Georgia O'Keeffe Centennial Celebration with Creative Couples. The exhibition opens on Valentine's Day, February 14, and runs through March 27, 2016. [See More](#)

"Just Say Know" to Heart Disease with Lexington Medical Center: Hospital Lights Up in RED for Heart Month

Lexington Medical Center encourages community members to "Just Say Know" to heart disease during the month of February, which is American Heart Month. [See More](#)

Palmetto Health Heart Hospital turns red in recognition of National Heart Month

Palmetto Health Heart Hospital is turning red in recognition of National Heart Month. Throughout the month of February, the outside of the hospital will be illuminated red in an effort to raise awareness of heart disease. [See More](#)

ArtFields® portrait contest calls for artists

ArtFields, the South's most engaging art competition and festival, is seeking artists for its fourth annual portrait contest to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016. [See More](#)

Riley Institute at Furman to co-present SC Energy Forum in Charleston Feb. 5

An in-depth discussion about three of the major energy issues facing South Carolina will take center stage when the eighth annual Law & Society Symposium is held in Charleston Friday, Feb. 5. [See More](#)

SCE&G to give away tree seedlings to enhance Lake Murray shoreline

As part of the shoreline enhancement project for Lake Murray, SCE&G will give away tree seedlings. [See More](#)

Save money, earn valuable tax credits by using United Way's MyFreeTaxes

United Way of the Midlands encourages individuals earning \$62,000 or less to keep more of their hard-earned money and access valuable tax credits this tax season by using MyFreeTaxes.com, a free, online tax preparation service. [See More](#)

Under the Tent 2016 Benefiting Gravatt Center February 5th

This year's event will feature live music by Heart 'n Soul, delicious food, and open beer and wine bar, fun games, and fabulous silent and live auctions. [See More](#)

Arts & Draughts

Art, drink, and be happy! Enjoy tastings of Catawba Brewing's White Zombie Ale from The Whig, live music, food trucks and more! [See More](#)

Pure Power Technologies becomes leading independent supplier of diesel fuel-injection systems

Headquartered in Blythewood, SC, Pure Power Technologies announced it has been acquired from Navistar, Inc., by an investment team whose principals include the Smithfield Group and Kensington Capital Partners. [See More](#)

Opera at USC presents the much-loved comic opera, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* Feb. 26–28

Based around the antics of the delightfully cunning barber called Figaro, Gioachino Rossini's much-loved comic opera boasts some of the most entertaining and well-known arias in the opera repertoire. [See More](#)

Columbia's smallest art sale returns

The third annual Postcard Art Sale benefitting Artists for Africa will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 6:00pm. [See More](#)

Susanne Watts Liggett receives 2015 Coker College Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Coker College Alumni Association has announced that Susanne Watts Liggett '02 is the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Young Alumni Award. [See More](#)

Events around Columbia and the Midlands

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

Political cartoons from Robert Ariail

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

Robert Samuelson: An upbeat economic story

"Here's some good — and generally overlooked — news about the U.S. economy: Among major ethnic and racial groups, African-Americans scored the biggest job advances in 2015." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Clinton's cracked credibility

"The first question to Hillary Clinton from an audience member during Monday night's Democratic town hall in Iowa must have been a blow from one so young — a potential new voter — this close to the caucuses." [Read More](#)

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