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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

Autoneum expanding Aiken County operations

Autoneum, a global market leader in acoustic and thermal management solutions for vehicles, is expanding its Aiken County operations. This project will result in more than \$35 million in capital investment and lead to the creation of more than 40 new jobs. [Read More](#)

House budgets \$415 million for roads

House Speaker Jay Lucas issued the following statement after the House passed a series of amendments to appropriate an additional \$415 million to DOT for FY2016-17. [See More](#)

LS3P welcomes new Healthcare Architect

LS3P welcomes Ronald Smith, AIA, ACHA, EDAC, LEED AP, who joins the firm as an architect and project manager. [See More](#)

Palmetto Health Foundation announces new home and added half marathon for Walk for Life and Race for Life

Palmetto Health Foundation's 26th Walk for Life and Race for Life will have a new home on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016—Spirit Communications Park, home of the Columbia Fireflies. [See More](#)

Are You Staying Relevant or Becoming Obsolete?

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Did you know most mid-level and especially senior-level professionals worry about staying relevant more than anything else? Here are a few questions you can ask yourself to see where you stand." [Read More](#)

Five Points Foundation wraps up 34th Annual St. Pat's in Five Points

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, Five Points welcomed just under 44,000 people to their perennial St. Pat's in Five Points celebration. See the event breakdown here. [See More](#)

DESA expands engineering team

DESA, Inc. has recently expanded its engineering team with the hiring of Antonio Shuler as Engineering Associate. [See More](#)

Tickets going fast for the April 2 Carolina Cup Steeplechase Race

Tickets are selling at a brisk pace for this spring's Carolina Cup race, according to Nick Ellis, Chief Executive Officer of the Carolina Cup Racing Association. [See More](#)

Fisher & Phillips Partner Recipient of 2016 Compleat Lawyer Awards

Edward Rawl, a partner at the Columbia office of Fisher & Phillips, has been selected as a recipient of the 2016 Compleat Lawyer Awards. The awards are distributed by the University of South Carolina School of Law. [See More](#)

NAI Avant brokers sale of ±62.06 acres of land near the I-26 and Broad River Road interchange

NAI Avant senior broker Gerald Steele recently closed the sale of ±62.06 acres of prime commercial land in Irmo, SC near I-26 on Western Lane. [See More](#)

Erica Smith named Store Manager at TD Bank

TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®, has named Erica Smith Store Manager for its Corley Mill store in Lexington. [See More](#)

Partnership formed to prevent child abuse and injuries for South Carolina's children

Alodia's Cucina Italiana, a fine dining restaurant at 2736 N. Lake Boulevard at Murray Landing, has named Children's Trust of South Carolina its charity of choice and is planning year-round fundraising activities beginning next month. [See More](#)

GHS athletic director receives state award

Lexington County School District One congratulates Gilbert High School Athletic Director Barry Harley, who received the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association 3A Athletic Director of the Year 2015–2016 award. [See More](#)

Mullikin to be honored by Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Indian Waters Council, will name Tom Mullikin the area-BSA's "Kershaw County Citizen of the Year" for 2016 during ceremonies at the historic Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, May 26. [See More](#)

New head football coach at Westwood High

Dustin Curtis comes to Richland School District Two from A.C. Flora High School in Richland School District One, but he's no stranger to Richland Two. [See More](#)

Columbia Metropolitan Airport security statement

Regarding terror events in Brussels: The safety and security of Columbia Metropolitan Airport passengers and staff is always our airport's first priority. [See More](#)

S.C. Chamber announces 2016 Safety Award winners

State Chamber of Commerce President Ted Pitts released the following statement announcing the Chamber's 2016 annual Safety Awards winners. [See More](#)

S.C. Chamber Statement On House Budget

State Chamber President Ted Pitts released the following statement after the House passed a budget allocating \$415 million to roads next year. [See More](#)

Department of Commerce holds Annual South Carolina Rural Summit

The South Carolina Department of Commerce gathered leaders from across the state on Monday, February 29 and Tuesday, March 1 for the 2016 South Carolina Rural Summit.

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Continental named one of “America’s Best Employers” by Forbes for the second consecutive year

For the second year in a row, the technology company Continental was ranked one of America’s Best Employers 2016 by Forbes magazine. [See More](#)

B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. selected for Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility improvements

Union County Public Works has selected M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the replacement and improvement of the headworks system at the Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility, which was originally constructed in 1988 and upgraded in 1995. [See More](#)

Councilman Manning to moderate event on human trafficking

Richland County Councilman Jim Manning will moderate a community conversation in April to address the issue of human trafficking. [See More](#)

Fine Arts Center presents Local Jam on the Town Green to kick off Carolina Cup weekend - April 1st

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County (FAC) and the City of Camden announced the Finally Friday Local Jam—A Carolina Cup Weekend Kick Off on the Town Green. [See More](#)

Gravedigger’s Tale, interactive retelling of Hamlet, performs at Longstreet Theatre April 21-23

The UofSC Department of Theatre and Dance will host Gravedigger’s Tale, an interactive retelling of William Shakespeare’s Hamlet, April 21-23 at Longstreet Theatre. [See More](#)

Richland County Council recognizing Unsung Heroines - March 24th

Richland County Councilwomen Joyce Dickerson and Julie-Ann Dixon are seeking nominations for the 2016 Richland County Distinguished Community Leadership Award. [See More](#)

[A Taste of Lake Murray](#)

The Annual A Taste of Lake Murray will take place Thursday, March 24, 2016, at the Doubletree by Hilton. [See More](#)

[USC Cotton Series](#)

The University of South Carolina's yearlong series devote to understanding the role of cotton continues Thursday, March 24 with a talk by Carolina English associate professor Sara Schwebel who will discuss how cotton appears in U.S. children's literature and its significance. [See More](#)

[Events around Columbia and the Midlands](#)

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[Robert Samuelson: Soaking the rich: a primer](#)

"There's no subtlety about Democrats' tax plans. Between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, details differ, but the central themes are identical: Soak the rich." [Read More](#)

[Kathleen Parker: Understanding the Islamic State](#)

"One wouldn't call them bedfellows, strange or otherwise, but President Obama and Donald Trump are both inadvertently helping the Islamic State through rhetoric that is either too cautious or too rash." [Read More](#)

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