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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

A Conversation with JoAnn Turnquist, President & CEO, The Central Carolina Community Foundation

Giving Back. Last year's Midlands Gives raised more than \$1.5 million for 250+ Midlands nonprofits. JoAnn Turnquist, President & CEO of the Central Carolina Community Foundation talks about what's new this year and how Midlands nonprofits and local businesses can participate in the third annual Midlands Gives this May. [Read More](#)

SCRA contributed \$1.4 billion to state's economy this year

SCRA generated \$1.4 billion in economic activity within South Carolina in Fiscal Year 2015, according to a report conducted by the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business. The company's 32 year cumulative economic output total in the state is now over \$19.5 billion. [See More](#)

City Center Partnership celebrates 14th anniversary & announces new officers for 2016

City Center Partnership is pleased to announce the Board of Directors has appointed new officers for 2016. New officers include Chairman, Tripp Whitener of First Citizens Bank; Vice Chairman, Lee Mashburn of Mashburn Construction; Treasurer, Ben Arnold of Arnold Companies; and Secretary, Charlie Nutt of Free Times. [See More](#)

Columbia City Council met on Wednesday, November 18

Here is a quick tabulation of bid decisions by council this Wednesday afternoon. [See More](#)

South Carolina Ports Authority container volume up seven percent

New economic study attributes 1 in 12 Midlands jobs to Port operations ~ The South Carolina Ports Authority announced a fiscal year-to-date container volume increase of seven percent, with 678,033 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled since July. [See More](#)

Bank of America Merrill Lynch adds Charlie Griffin as Commercial Banking Relationship Manager for Columbia

Bank of America Merrill Lynch today announced that Charlie Griffin has joined its commercial banking team in Columbia, South Carolina as a vice president and relationship manager. [See More](#)

Colliers International brokers investment sale of Montgomery Plaza in Milledgeville, GA

Colliers International's Victor "Buddy" John represented the purchaser in the sale of the 14,610 square-foot shopping center adjacent to a new 127,000 square-foot Kroger Grocery store in Milledgeville, GA. [See More](#)

County landfill, local quarry show benefit of public, private partnership

In the business world, symbiotic relationships don't get any better than the partnership forged between Vulcan Materials Company and its next door neighbor, the Richland County C&D Landfill and Drop-off Center. [See More](#)

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announces Scrooges and Angels for 2015

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced today the 20th annual Scrooges and Angels list of 2015. [See More](#)

Kevin Hall named President of Federal Services for OLH Inc.

OLH Inc., a leading project and construction management firm, is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Kevin Hall as President of Federal Services for the company. [See More](#)

Tough Love – A Necessary Evil For Reaching The Next Level

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Performance reviews are intended to be opportunities for employers to help employees set goals and fulfill their potential, but often the perception is that it will be an uncomfortable time of listening to all the things being done incorrectly or below expectations, and it's hard not to take that personally, especially when it comes to our image." [Read More](#)

S.C. Businesses to Pay Lowest Federal Unemployment Taxes for 2015

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has approved giving the full 5.4 percent tax reduction on business federal unemployment taxes (FUTA) for 2015 to South Carolina businesses.

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Startup winners take home nearly \$90,000 in The Proving Ground

After a three-month, three-round competition culminating with a live-pitch event, the winners of The Proving Ground – the University of South Carolina’s popular startup competition – were chosen Tuesday, Nov. 17. [See More](#)

HRC Releases LGBT Equality Scores of South Carolina Companies in 2016 Corporate Equality Index

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization, released the 2016 Corporate Equality Index, an annual report assessing LGBT inclusion in major companies and law firms across the nation, including 3 in South Carolina. [See More](#)

Mr. Penguin Designs Wins \$5000 Ignite! Ideas Contest

Mr. Penguin Designs, local student artist-created cell phone case company, was selected via public, online voting as the winner of the \$5,000 Ignite! 2015 Ideas Contest. [See More](#)

Charles Felsberg of AMCOL Systems receives an award

Charles Felsberg, Auditing Manager of AMCOL Systems, Inc. has received a LISTEN 2015 Award at the recent LISTEN 2015 conference held in Tampa, FL. [See More](#)

City of Columbia designated walk friendly community

The City of Columbia has been designated as a Walk Friendly Community (WFC) by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center. [See More](#)

Chapin Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for Sunday, December 6

The Town of Chapin will hold its annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 6, beginning with a reception in the Community Room at 4:30 pm at Chapin Town Hall. [See More](#)

Columbia artist Susan Lenz creating ornaments for national display

Columbia fiber artist Susan Lenz has been selected to create South Carolina's ornaments for the 2015 America Celebrates: Ornaments from Across the USA display at President's Park (White House) in Washington, D.C. [See More](#)

The Salvation Army of the Midlands Annual Christmas Campaign Kickoff scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas campaign kickoff event is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd on the north grounds and front steps of the South Carolina State House with a start time of 11:00 a.m. [See More](#)

Richland County issues a Notice to Proceed to Contractor for the Lincoln Tunnel Greenway Project under the Richland Penny Program

The Richland Penny Program has issued a Notice to Proceed to AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc. to begin construction on the Lincoln Tunnel Greenway Project. [See More](#)

Hotel architecture/engineering firm gets paid

By Temple Ligon : The City of Columbia's settlement payment of \$2.4 million to architecture/engineering firm Stevens & Wilkinson was confirmed Monday, November 16, according to The State. The newspaper declared \$4 million was spent in legal fees by the city in attempts to not pay the \$2.4 million. [See More](#)

Flood Repair Permitting Open House November 23 @ 5:30 pm

The City of Columbia will partner with Richland County to hold two Open Houses to answer questions about the City's flood repair and rebuilding permitting process. [See More](#)

Small Business Saturdays: #SelfieSaturdays November 22nd

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is partnering with local shopping districts for Small Business Saturdays. Citizens who shop in one of the seven designated districts and participate in #SelfieSaturdays could win a \$50 gift card! [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: The war against ExxonMobil

"If you care about free speech, you should pay attention to the campaign now being waged against ExxonMobil. More than 50 environmental and civil rights groups have written Attorney General Loretta Lynch urging her to open a "federal probe" of the giant energy firm." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Dr. Carson, I presume?

"In the annals of presidential politics, it's hard to recall anyone who has tried so hard to be so ordinary." [Read More](#)

Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Depth of brand = depth of success. How deep is yours?

"How deep is your brand? You can say anything you want about amazon, but you cannot doubt the power and the depth of their brand." [Read More](#)

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