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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### Entrepreneur Minute with Anthony Goldman, Koala Bottle

Koala Bottle is an innovative magnetic bottle system designed for use by cyclists and for use by recreational enthusiasts that was started by USC graduate, Anthony Goldman. [Read More](#)

### Unemployment rate falls to 5.1%, fourth consecutive monthly drop

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped for the fourth consecutive month to 5.1 percent in August from 5.2 percent in July. [See More](#)

### How to Graciously Decline a Networking Invitation

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: "“Can we meet for coffee?” I bet you can't even count the number of invitations to coffee or lunch you receive a month, especially if you enjoy success or an elevated status, such as expert.” [Read More](#)

### Colliers Report: Employee parking impacted by multifamily and student housing developments

A challenge facing any employers, employees, as well as retailers and visitors to the CBD, is available parking. Parking availability has fallen to record lows for downtown parking garages to 15.0%. [See More](#)

### SC REALTORS(R) release August market reports

South Carolina REALTORS® released its August housing market data indicating that demand is present and creating competitive situations regarding pricing, while inventory continues to drop. [See More](#)

### **Columbia City council pursues parking accommodation**

By Temple Ligon: How to handle the curbside parking meters had not been resolved until this past Tuesday. [See More](#)

### **\$3M grant available to help defense contractors diversify**

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) and Department of Commerce are making \$3 million available to help defense contractors diversify their business and become less dependent on U.S. Department of Defense contracts. [See More](#)

### **Midlands Technical College offers opportunity for former ITT Tech students**

Midlands Technical College is inviting former ITT Tech students to an information session to learn about MTC's 120+ academic and career programs, see what financial aid options might be available, and apply to the college for free. [See More](#)

### **Ameris Bank Mortgage Services – Welcomes De'Laine Law as New Mortgage Banker**

Ameris Bank Mortgage Services announced that De'Laine Law has joined the Ameris Bank team. [See More](#)

### **Mayor Benjamin welcomes new Mayor's Fellows to City Hall**

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin welcomes twelve students this fall to the Mayor's Fellows program. The program provides both undergraduate and graduate-level students with the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of how a high-energy local government operates. [See More](#)

### **All 24,000 Richland One students to get library cards/accounts**

Richland One and Richland Library are partners in a nationwide initiative that will provide library cards/accounts to all 24,000 students in the district. [See More](#)

### **Frank Elmore inducted into Carolinas Associated General Contractors Hall of Fame**

Founding shareholder Frank Elmore of Elmore Goldsmith, P.A. was one of five inaugural Class of 2016 Hall of Fame inductees at the Carolinas Associated General Contractors Annual Divisions Conference and Construction Industry Summit held on Hilton Head Island.

### **YMCA of Columbia helps raise awareness and prevention of falls in the Midlands**

September 22 is National Falls Prevention Awareness Day and the YMCA of Columbia is joining the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and the Falls Free Coalition for Ready, Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016, a day of action to help raise awareness and prevention of falls in the Midlands of South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **Scott and Company welcomes new staff accountant**

South Carolina accounting and consulting firm, Scott and Company LLC announced the addition of Amanda Hawkins to their professional team. [See More](#)

### **Mayor Benjamin, Richland Library, Parks and Recreation to launch Books 2 Boys initiative**

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, in collaboration with the Richland Library and City of Columbia Parks and Recreation, will kick-off the Mayor's Books 2 Boys initiative at 4 p.m. on Sept. 27 at Martin Luther King Park. [See More](#)

### **The SC State Fair announces free concert for opening day – Aloe Blacc performs FREE Oct. 12th**

Grammy nominated, Aloe Blacc will now kickoff the South Carolina State Fair's concert lineup on October 12th at 7pm for FREE. [See More](#)

### **County of Lexington proposing expansion of the Neighborhood Appearance District to four additional Council Districts**

An ordinance to add four additional Council Districts to the Neighborhood Appearance District (N.A.D.) will be discussed at an open Public Hearing during the Sept. 27, 2016 Lexington County Council meeting. [See More](#)

### **American Heart Association announces Chicarra Jones as Go Red For Women Spokesperson & Member of 2016-2017 Class of "Real Women"**

American Heart Association's Go Red For Women announced this year's "Real Women," national spokespeople for the cause and includes Chicarra Jones from Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

## **iTs|SC plans careers in insurance mixer for Midlands**

### **students**

iTs|SC: Columbia's Insurance Technology & Services Cluster will host a Careers in Insurance mixer for students in the Midlands as well as recent graduates. [See More](#)

## **Fall Butterfly Count Program at Congaree National Park**

Have you ever marveled at a butterfly? Have you ever noticed that there are different butterflies with distinct sizes, colors, and behaviors? [See More](#)

## **Advertisement of vacancy on various boards and commissions**

The City of Columbia is accepting applications to fill one vacancy on the following boards and commissions. [See More](#)

## **State Museum transforms into Museum of OZ this October**

On Saturday, October 1 the South Carolina State Museum will transform into the Museum of Oz, full of exciting events for the entire family all month. [See More](#)

## **Town of Lexington receives grant for dam cleanup**

The Town of Lexington recently received a USDA grant, totally \$702,000 to help with the flood recovery process. [See More](#)

## **Penny Fund offers “roundabout” path to smoother travels**

For the next few months, drivers will witness a dramatic transformation at the intersection of Kennerly, Coogler and Steeple Ridge roads in northwest Richland County. [See More](#)

## **Residents invited to new logo unveiling for Broad River Road community**

On Monday, Richland County will unveil a new logo designed to give the Broad River Road area an updated identity, much like the rebranding effort the County spearheaded for Decker Boulevard, known as the International Corridor. [See More](#)

## **Top Grossing Movies – September 19**

Top grossing movies this week. [See More](#)

### **Hemophilia of SC Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run**

November 5 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - The HSC Turkey Trot is the Chapter's 5K Walk/Run fundraiser which is held in the late fall during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Hosted by Hemophilia of South Carolina, the Turkey Trot is the Chapter's biggest fundraiser. [See More](#)

### **Steal Like an Artist: Cultivating a Creative Community**

September 27 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Join Richland Library as they host New York Times bestselling author Austin Kleon at its Main location. [See More](#)

### **Lucky Chops**

September 28 @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - All brass. All the time. From the New York City subway platform to television screens and international stages, Lucky Chops are finally spreading their infectious music and positive energy to South Carolina for the very first time. [See More](#)

### **A Multi-Media Poetry Event**

September 28 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - BLANK PAGE POETRY – WORD & SHADOWS – These Rivers of Truth Have A Long Way Yet [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 old Fed is dead**

"The betting is that the Federal Reserve won't raise interest rates at this week's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, its key policymaking body." [Read More](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: Hillary's deplorable basket case**

"She didn't want to say she was sick. Hillary Clinton, that is, who recently has suffered coughing fits followed Sunday by a near collapse during New York's 9/11 memorial ceremony." [Read More](#)

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