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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

A Conversation with Mary Beth Gillis, owner of Midland Mortgage

The incredible story behind Midland Mortgage, a woman-owned company that has been in business for 34 years. All said and done, Mary Beth Gillis has been in the mortgage business for 47 years and it has all been within an eight block radius in downtown Columbia. [Read More](#)

Arts charter school to open in Columbia: Midlands Arts Conservatory (MAC)

A committee of arts professionals, educators, parents and community members is moving forward with plans to open an arts charter school in Columbia. [See More](#)

Colliers International brokers sale of Saxe Gotha Spec Building for \$5.7 million

Colliers International South Carolina brokered the investment sale of the Saxe Gotha Spec Building, a 120,000-square-foot industrial property located at 222 Old Wire Road in West Columbia, to Stag Industrial. [See More](#)

S.C. Phil creates Advisory Council

The South Carolina Philharmonic Board of Directors voted to create an advisory council to be comprised of area leaders willing to serve as ambassadors for the orchestra in the community. [See More](#)

Colliers International represents Womble Carlyle with new office space in 1221 Main Street building

Colliers International South Carolina's Philip Vann represented Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP in the sublease of 8,760 square feet of office space in 1221 Main. [See More](#)

Lynn Robertson appointed as Interim Director of Columbia Museum of Art

Lynn Robertson, former executive director of the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina, has been appointed as the interim executive director of the Columbia Museum of Art as a search is conducted for a permanent, full-time replacement. [See More](#)

Five Points Association Year in Review: 2016

As 2016 comes to a close, the Five Points Association takes this opportunity to reflect back on the many accomplishments they were able to achieve. [See More](#)

Richland Library tackles popular 2017 resolutions

As we prepare to wave goodbye to 2016, Richland Library is encouraging the community to set and tackle another round of New Year's resolutions. [See More](#)

Richardson Plowden's David A. Anderson elected President of S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys' Association

Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. announced that attorney David A. Anderson was recently elected president of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association. [See More](#)

New officers serve the Columbia chapter of the Columbia Society for Human Resource Management

The Columbia chapter of the Columbia Society for Human Resource Management announces new officers. [See More](#)

DHEC offers free resources to help South Carolinians quit tobacco use in the New Year

The New Year offers the perfect opportunity for tobacco users to quit and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is helping tobacco users kick the habit, for good. [See More](#)

Help City Council choose the official hashtag for the City Council Vision Statement

Throughout 2016, Columbia City Council members worked diligently to come up with a strategic plan to improve the overall quality of life in the city. [See More](#)

Richland County accepting applications for several grant programs

Beginning Jan. 1, the funding cycle will open for Richland County Accommodations Tax, Hospitality Tax and Discretionary Grant programs. [See More](#)

Columbia Police Department launches new website

A new and enhanced website experience is now available at www.ColumbiaPD.net, Columbia Police Chief William "Skip" Holbrook announced on Saturday, December 31, 2016. [See More](#)

Alpha Media, Columbia adds Rock 99.7

Alpha Media, Columbia announced the addition of Rock 99.7. The Contemporary Rock station hit the air waves yesterday, December 27th. [See More](#)

Community Relations Council Receives 2016 Best of Columbia Award

Community Relations Council has been selected for the 2016 Best of Columbia Award in the Chamber of Commerce category by the Columbia Award Program. [See More](#)

City of Columbia District IV Special Election Tuesday, January 3

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the City of Columbia District IV term ending December 31, 2017. [See More](#)

Murphy & Grantland welcomes Susan Porter

Murphy & Grantland, P.A. announced the addition of Susan O. Porter to its attorney team. [See More](#)

Columbia Fireflies' All-Star Game logo revealed

The Columbia Fireflies revealed the 2017 South Atlantic League All-Star Game logo today. The game will be played on June 20, 2017, at Spirit Communications Park. [See More](#)

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin to announce results of EngenuitySC's 2016 Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report on Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.

Mayor Steve Benjamin and the EngenuitySC board will announce results of the economic development organization's third annual Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report at a gathering of regional leaders on Friday, Jan. 13th at the USC Alumni Center in Columbia, S. C. [See More](#)

Entrepreneur Secrets: Where to find your biggest profit

Jerry Bellune: I was reading an "expert" on marketing recently. His advice: Forget whatever happened in 2016. [See More](#)

First Thursday on Main with an S.C. Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble and a Celebration of CMA Executive Director Karen Brosius

January 5 @ 6:30 pm: As part of January's First Thursday on Main, the Columbia Museum of Art offers a night of indoor entertainment. S.C. Philharmonic Music Director Morihiko Nakahara hosts a chamber ensemble as they explore the film music represented in the major exhibition CUT! Costume and the Cinema. [See More](#)

Free Fridays at the Riverbanks Zoo

January 6: Only in January and February. Residents of Richland and Lexington counties will receive free admission to the park every Friday during the months of January and February. [See More](#)

27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run

January 14: On Saturday, January 14, 2017, the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Bridging the Gap With Alpha, Inc. will hold the 27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Run [See More](#)

Events around Columbia and the Midlands

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

Robert Samuelson: Putin's gift to America

"It may be wishful thinking, but it's just possible that Vladimir Putin has done us a great favor." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Fear thee well to 2016

"CHARLESTON, S.C. – As usual, the year's end brings reflections and ruminations on what was and what is to be. This time around, however, it feels as though an era is coming to an end." [Read More](#)

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