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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

CMA honors Mary Rainey Belser with John Richard Craft Leadership Award

The Columbia Museum of Art presents the 2016 John Richard Craft Leadership Award to Mary Rainey Belser. Through her transformational gifts, board service, and dedication to the museum for over four decades, Belser epitomizes the philanthropic leadership the CMA recognizes each year with the Craft Award, named for its first director. [Read More](#)

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina awards \$102,000 to 43 Caritas Grantees

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina recently awarded Caritas grants for the fall 2016 grant cycle. [See More](#)

Callison Tighe listed in 2017 edition of Best Law Firms in America

Callison Tighe & Robinson is listed as a top-tier firm in the just-released 2017 edition of Best Law Firms in America in two practice areas each in employment law and real estate law. [See More](#)

Tis The Season To Not Burn Out

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: Whether you want to admit it, or can even believe it, the holiday season has arrived. [Read More](#)

Elmore Goldsmith, PA receives tier one rankings in U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2017 “Best Law Firms”

U.S. News – Best Lawyers® have released the 2017 “Best Law Firms” rankings and Elmore Goldsmith, PA, has been recognized in three areas. [See More](#)

Job opening: The University of South Carolina announces invitation for applications for Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Programs

The University of South Carolina, the premiere flagship research institution in South Carolina and one of the top 50 “Best Colleges” according to U.S. News and World Report, announces a nationwide search for the position of the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs. [See More](#)

How to Create an Awesome Workplace

November 18: ERG Payroll & HR is partnering with industry leaders from South Carolina’s “Best Places to Work” to hold a seminar for local business owners looking to improve their workplace. [See More](#)

A new song and a new genre for a new message about climate change truth

Songwriter Trevor Masters is not looking to top the national Billboard Music Charts with his new song in the near future. [See More](#)

City calls for SC licensed and residential contractors to attend information session about flood relief housing projects

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

Five Points Association presents: the unveiling of Centennial Plaza, featuring a tribute to Colonel Jack Van Loan

Five Points, Columbia's original village neighborhood, has begun its next 100 years with the continuation of Centennial projects and beautification efforts in 2016. [See More](#)

Local faith leaders take steps to build safe sanctuaries

Midlands pastors and other faith leaders will attend training on child sexual abuse prevention and trauma-informed care of survivors in pastoral counseling on Thursday, December 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. [See More](#)

Irmo Middle School awarded 2017 Litter Trashes Everyone Education Grant

Irmo Middle School International Academic Magnet has been awarded a 2017 Litter Trashes Everyone Education Grant presented by Palmetto Pride in the amount of \$5,000.

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Richland County begins plans for two-year budget

Richland County is changing the way it crafts its budget to make more efficient use of taxpayer dollars while allowing County Council to focus on long-term needs and improve the delivery of services. [See More](#)

Britt, Peters and Associates establishes apprenticeship program for drafters and engineers

Apprenticeship Carolina, an integral part of the SC Technical College System, announced Tuesday that Britt, Peters and Associates established a registered apprenticeship program for its drafters and engineers. [See More](#)

Sonoco completes sale of rigid plastics blow molding operations to Amcor

Sonoco announced it has completed the sale of its rigid plastics blow molding operations to Amcor, a global leader of rigid and flexible packaging products, for \$280 million. [See More](#)

Bank of America grant supports Meals on Wheels program

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, a longtime community partner with Senior Resources, has continued its generous support of the Meals on Wheels program with a \$12,500 donation. [See More](#)

CIU soccer field dedicated to Lexington resident

The Columbia International University soccer field now carries the name of a longtime resident of Lexington. [See More](#)

New art gallery in Five Points to host opening celebration

Visual and repurposing artist Pamela Ann Vandervelde is excited about the opening of her new art gallery in Five Points. [See More](#)

Teijin Ltd. establishing manufacturing operations in Greenwood County

Teijin Ltd., a Japanese chemical, pharmaceutical and information technology company, will be constructing a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Greenwood County. [See More](#)

County Council and Public Works to reopen Botanical Parkway ahead of schedule and under budget

Lexington County Council and the Lexington County Department of Public Works have announced the reopening of the Botanical Parkway, which was closed after it suffered heavy damage from the October 2015 rain event, on November 6 at 3 p.m. [See More](#)

Golfbreaks.com chooses Charleston County for first U.S. operations

Golfbreaks.com, a specialty golf travel company and participant in the state's new Landing Pad program, is establishing its first U.S. operations in Charleston County. [See More](#)

Top Grossing Movies

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

Access to Capital Symposium: The Midland's Financing Options For Small Businesses

November 10: The Access to Capital Symposium is a lender matchmaker speed-networking event between lending organizations and small business owners. [See More](#)

Columbia Chamber Partner Engagement

November 10: On November 10, the Columbia Chamber is partnering with Blue Marlin for a Partner Engagement! Join us from 5 – 7 PM in the Vista Room at Blue Marlin for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and networking. Partner Engagements are free for Partners, and \$10 for potential Partners. [See More](#)

The Irmo Chamber Chuck Larsen Live & Silent Auction

November 15: This fundraiser benefits the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce and enables us to continue serving the Irmo business community. [See More](#)

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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](#)

Kathleen Parker: Perverting the presidency

"The last place — and I do mean the very last place — any candidate wants to be is in the frame with Anthony Weiner. This is especially true if you're Hillary Clinton." [Read More](#)

Robert Samuelson: Why we should worry about Deutsche Bank

"Deutsche Bank is in trouble — and that's bad news for all of us. Deutsche Bank is Germany's biggest bank with 100,000 employees around the world and operations in more than 70 countries." [Read More](#)

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