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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### Mayor Benjamin, President Pastides and EngenuitySC board honor JoAnn Turnquist with 2016 Vision Award

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. The company has now expanded to Camden, Spartanburg, Greenville and Charleston. The key to success: "I love helping people make the dream of home ownership a reality. It's that simple."

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### MM Technics to construct first North American plant in South Carolina

Automotive Supplier Investing \$12.6 Million In Newberry County MM Technics, a newly formed American subsidiary of Muhr Metalltechnik, GmbH + Co. KG, is constructing a metal stamping facility in Newberry County. The company is expected to invest at least \$12.6 million and create 65 jobs over the next five years. [See More](#)

### Do You Know the 3 Main Symptoms of Being Overwhelmed?

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: Christmas is just around the corner, and everyone I know is complaining about losing time and not being prepared. Those are recurring problems every year, but this year seems particularly fraught with people feeling exhausted, high-strung and procrastinating. [Read More](#)

### Dave & Buster's announces first Midlands location at Columbiana Center

Dave & Buster's is slated to open its 94th location in February 2017, and looking to hire over 250 enthusiastic individuals to join the team at its location at Columbiana Center. [See More](#)

### **Colliers International represents South Carolina Pediatric Alliance in selecting site for new Newborn Wellness and Breast Feeding Center of the Midlands**

South Carolina Pediatric Alliance, a merger of Palmetto Pediatric and Sandhills Pediatric, recently purchased approximately 1.54 acres of land at 2618 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

### **NP Strategy honored for communications work**

NP Strategy received the "Award of Merit" in the category of "Special Events" on Nov. 3, 2016 at the International Association of Business Communicators ("IABC") S.C. Chapter's 2016 Palmetto Awards, recognizing the NP Strategy team's work with the Nestlé Waters North America Chesterfield County plant grand opening event. [See More](#)

### **Richland Bar honors Grantland with Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility award**

Murphy & Grantland, P.A. attorney John Grantland has been awarded the 2016 Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility Award from the Richland County Bar Association. [See More](#)

### **2016 BIA award recipients**

Members of the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina (BIA) voted for their choice of nominees for the Byron Crosthwaite Builder Member of the Year Award and the Associate Member of the Year Award. [See More](#)

### **United Way's Women in Philanthropy announces \$40,000 in grants to help women and children**

Women in Philanthropy (WIP), an affinity group of United Way of the Midlands, and in collaboration with the Central Carolina Community Foundation (CCCCF), will invest \$40,000 in five Midlands' nonprofit organizations that target financial stability for women and children in 2017. [See More](#)

### **Arts Commission executive director named to national grantmakers board**

South Carolina Arts Commission Executive Director Ken May has been elected to the Grantmakers in the Arts board of directors. He will serve a three-year term beginning January 2017. [See More](#)

### **RB Todd civil engineering firm adds partner**

RB Todd Consulting Engineers, Inc. announces the addition of Clay Cannon, PE, LEED AP, as a new partner of the firm. [See More](#)

### **Wingard's Market named a top 100 garden center**

Wingard's Market joined the ranks of the horticulture industry's top independent garden centers when it was named one of the Top 100 independent garden centers in the United States and Canada by Garden Center magazine. [See More](#)

### **Richland County recognized for leadership in eco-friendly practices**

Richland County is the recipient of two environmental awards that laud the County's leadership in "green" practices. [See More](#)

### **Local professionals offer mentoring for students in year three of Richland Two's CAT Program**

Last week, 44 professionals went back to high school for the morning as part of Richland County School District Two's Carolina Alliance for Technology program. [See More](#)

### **Michelin volunteers renovate nature trail with RBES students**

Local volunteers recently answered the call of Red Bank Elementary School students who wanted to restore a nature trail at their school. [See More](#)

### **Bluff Road widening effort underway**

Construction on the first phase of a project to widen Bluff Road near Williams-Brice Stadium is underway. [See More](#)

### **Chapin Middle School honored nationally as a School to Watch®**

The National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform has named Chapin Middle School as one of its Schools to Watch® for the 2016-17 school year. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant facilitates lease for Salvation Army in Orangeburg**

NAI Avant Director of Retail Services Patrick Palmer CCIM, recently facilitated the retail lease transaction at 265 Stonewall Jackson Blvd. in Orangeburg, SC. [See More](#)

### **Spirax-Sarco Engineering plc is one of Britain's Most Admired Companies**

Spirax Sarco USA, the leader in products and services for steam system management, announced that Spirax-Sarco Engineering plc based in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK is in the top ten of Management Today Magazine's list of "Britain's Most Admired Companies".

### **Walmart and Sam's Club associates rally behind Palmetto Health Children's Hospital to raise more than \$85,000**

Local Walmart and Sam's Club associates, customers and members recently wrapped up a seven-week campaign, collecting more than \$85,000 on behalf of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. [See More](#)

### **Celebrate a Famously Hot New Year in Columbia, S.C. with Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue and Sister Hazel, free concert at SC's largest NYE party**

Organizers of S.C.'s free party of the year, Famously Hot New Year, are ready to welcome tens of thousands of guests to downtown Columbia, S.C., on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016, when New Orleans musical royalty, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, along with jangle-pop stars Sister Hazel, will hit the stage for a free, full-length outdoor concert and the Carolinas' largest NYE fireworks display. [See More](#)

### **Soda City Market**

December 17: Soda City is a weekly market focused on brain, body and belly. Each Saturday from 9am – 1pm on the 1500 block of Main Street in Columbia, SC, Soda City features local and regional food and craft vendors. [See More](#)

### **Charles R. Drew Wellness Center to Host Pickleball Showcase**

December 17: An introduction to the game of Pickleball will be held at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center located at 2101 Walker Solomon Way on Saturday, December 17. [See More](#)

### **Top Grossing Movies**

Top grossing movies this week. [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 Pentagon vs. the welfare state**

"Any reporter who's written about the federal budget knows that there's a surefire solution to every problem. It's called "fraud, waste and abuse."" [Read More](#)

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