



Joyce Dickerson District Two Newsletter



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Greetings from Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson

Hello, I am Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson, your District #2 representative on Richland County Council and I warmly welcome you to the District #2 online newsletter. This newsletter is meant to be informative, interactive, and helpful and above all I would like to receive input from you as well regarding the news and events taking place in your communities. Please enjoy it and I hope that you find the information useful, and as always... if you have any questions and or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I may be contacted via e-mail at jdickerson@rcgov.us or you may contact Council office at (803) 576-2060.

Warmest regards,

Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council



Councilwoman Dickerson Spearheads 2007 Planning Summit



In May Richland County Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson spearheaded the effort to bring together area towns, cities, and school districts in an effort to improve communication as well as begin the process of working together on growth management issues. Area communities that participated in the Summit held on Thursday, May 16th at the Greater Columbia Convention Center including, the City of Columbia, City of Forest Acres, Blythewood, Town of Irmo, and School Districts One and Two. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce participated. WIS-Television's Craig Melvin served as moderator.





County Council Offers Free Summer Program for Kids 7-12



Richland 101 for kids was a huge success with more than 600 children participating in the event held on July 19, 2007 at Dutch Square Mall. The free one day program, open to students ages 7-12, taught youth about County Government in a fun and creative way.

Students were able to vote in a mock election, work it out with an aerobics instructor, and learn how to be safe and sound with the Richland County Sheriff's Department; just to name of a few of the more than 30 County departments and agencies that participated in the event.

This year's Richland 101 for Kids was our most successful with a record turnout, and we are hoping each year continues to get bigger and better.

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What Is An Ombudsman?

An Ombudsman is an impartial dispute-resolver whose major function is to assist citizens with county concerns and requests for services.

The Ombudsman

County Council Saves Residents Thousands On Prescriptions!



In July of 2007 Richland County Council approved the passage of the free Discount Prescription Card Program. This program is sponsored by Richland County, the National Association of Counties and Caremark and is free to all residents of Richland County, regardless of age, and or income. To date the free program has saved our residents more than \$60,000 on their prescriptions. For a list of a available locations, you may visit our website at www.richlandonline.com or contact the Richland County Office of Public Information at 576-2065.

Richland County's One Call Response Center

The Richland County Ombudsman's Office is here to assist you with any questions, comments or concerns that our residents have. Our friendly and helpful staff is ready to assist you with any question you have...whether it is a stray or lost pet or concerns about an unkempt lot. The only number you need to know is 929-6000!



Can Help You With

- Stray Animals
- Yard Trash Pickup
- Potholes
- Overgrown Lots
- Unsafe House
- Pet License
- Illegal Dumping

Phone Number

(803) 929-6000



Are you The One?

With the prettiest yard in the neighborhood? Or are you transforming a neighborhood eyesore into a scenic place of beauty? If so, you may qualify for a **2007 Appearance Counts Award!** The Award recognizes a businesses, individuals and community groups working to make Richland County more beautiful through landscaping and revitalization. For more information and to download an application, visit our website at www.rcgov.us