

Important Phone Numbers

One Stop Call Center (Ombudsman) 929-6000

Administration	576-2050	Legislative Delegation/VA	576-1908
Assessor's Office	576-2640	Marriage Licences	576-1992
Auditor's Office	576-2600	Master-in-Equity	576-1900
Building Inspections	576-2140	Planning	576-2140
Child Support	576-3320	Pre-Trial Intervention	576-1850
Clerk of Court	576-1950	Procurement	576-2130
Richland County Council	576-2060	Public Defender	748-4613
Coroner	576-1799	Recreation Commission	754-7275
CASA	576-1735	Register of Deeds	576-1910
Detention Center, Alvin S. Glenn	576-3200	Sheriff's Department	576-3000
Dial-a-job	576-2115	Social Services	735-7000
Election Commission	576-2200	Soil & Water Conservation	576-2085
Emergency Services	254-3063	Solicitor	576-1800
Family Court	576-3320	Treasurer's Office	576-2250
Finance Department	576-2100	Utilities & Services	401-0050
Health Department	576-2900	Voter Registration	576-2240
Human Resources	576-2110	Zoning	576-2180

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GWENDOLYN KENNEDY Newsletter

I sincerely appreciate the honor of serving you in District 7 and all of Richland County. Since arriving on County Council in January 2009, I have been focused on the needs and services of all areas and neighborhoods of District 7.

County Council has been busy this year, passing a balanced budget and ensuring that Richland County's most crucial needs and services are not impacted by the current economic crisis that is affecting all areas of our State.

We have also gone to great lengths to guarantee that Richland County school districts receive the highest level of funding available. While, not all of our budget goals have been achieved, County Council has worked with dedication and commitment to pass the most fiscally responsible budget while trying to minimize the impact to our citizens.

Council has also been diligently working to make District 7 a cornerstone of the County by making it home to the future Northeast Entertainment Complex off Farrow Rd. We are progressively moving forward to make this dream a reality as we have passed a motion in September to allow staff to use designated Hospitality Tax funds for the next steps in the design-development phase. Further, staff is to work with the consultant team to develop a 10 -15 year timeline for this project and is to present this information to Council for approval. It is projected that we will be able to move forward with items such as construction drawings, site preparation and infrastructure development at the beginning of 2010.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kennedyg@rcgov.us or contact my office at (803) 576-2060. Together we can make a difference in our communities and beyond.

Sincerely Yours,

Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy, District 7

Crane Creek Watershed Update

The Crane Creek Watershed is located in sand hills region of Richland County. located within District 7. The 67.5 square mile watershed drains approximately 43,000 acres and feeds into the Broad River. The drainage system comprises primarily three creeks: Crane Creek, Beasley Creek and North Branch. It has 14 sub-watersheds with a mixed land use of developed, residential, parkland, agriculture and forest. Crane Creek is considered pristine in some areas, however, it is one of the watersheds identified with impairments. Sections of Creek are impaired with fecal, bacteria and Dissolved Oxygen.

The Crane Creek Watershed Association (CCWA) was formed in Fall 2008 with initiative from Richland County to address water quality problems proactively. The association is striving hard to improve and restore conditions by working closely with local residents, government representatives, USC and other stake holders. Their main goal is to make Crane Creek preservation a "national model" where development and environmental compliance go hand in hand. The Crane Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP) is being developed under the supervision of Richland County Stormwater Management Division to identify the current conditions of the watershed, identify problems within and develop solutions to address these concerns. Stormwater Management has already identified certain hot spot areas and is currently working on restoring the areas through its capital improvement project program.

For more information on the Crane Creek Watershed Association or to become a member, please contact the Richland County Stormwater Manager, Srinivas Valavala at (803) 576-2465.

Events and Programs

Richland County Clean Sweep

The county provides community clean sweeps to educate citizens on beautifying their neighborhoods through clean ups and community meetings while providing citizens with an opportunity to get rid of unwanted items not accepted by their regular collection services.

Community clean sweeps involves policing roads, removing debris and educating citizens of how to utilize their regular collection services.

For more information contact Richland County Special Services at (803) 576-2442.

Back By Popular Demand: Richland 101

Richland 101 is a six week course designed to teach county residents how we spend your tax dollars. Visit the Main Library, Columbia Museum of Art and Convention Center, as well as tour the county jail. Spring and Fall sessions available.

For more information contact the Richland County Office of Public Information at (803) 576-2062.



Richland Recycles

In an effort to make household recycling more convenient for residents, the Richland County Solid Waste Department has opened new Recycling Drop off Centers throughout the County, including a new site in District 7.



The Two Main Sites are:

Lower Richland Drop-off Center, 10531 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia
Richland County C&D Landfill, 1070 Caughman Road North, off Monticello Road, Columbia

Acceptable Items Include:

- Electronics • Motor Oil • Tires • Glass • Cardboard • Newspaper • Junk mail
- Box board / Cereal Boxes • Bottles/Plastic Containers • Steel & Aluminum cans

Additional Sites Include:

Richland County Public Works Department, 400 Powell Road, off Pisgah Church Road - District 7
Clemson's Sandhill Research and Education Center, 900 Clemson Road
Sonoco Recycling, 1132 Idlewilde Blvd, off Bluff Road

These sites **ONLY** Accept:

- Glass • Cardboard • Newspaper • Junk mail • Box board / Cereal Boxes
- Bottles/Plastic Containers • Steel & Aluminum cans

For more information contact the Richland County Ombudsman's Office at (803) 929-6000.

Prescription Discount Card

The county is making **FREE** prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The cards can generate a savings up to 20% but can only be used on medication not covered by insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, etc and are accepted at most area pharmacies.



Again, the cards are **FREE** and one card can be used for the entire household. Since the program began in Summer 2006, residents have saved over \$350,000.

Residents may contact the Richland County Office of Public Information for more information and to learn how to obtain a card at (803) 576-2065 or visit our website at www.rcgov.us. The discount card program is administered by Caremark.