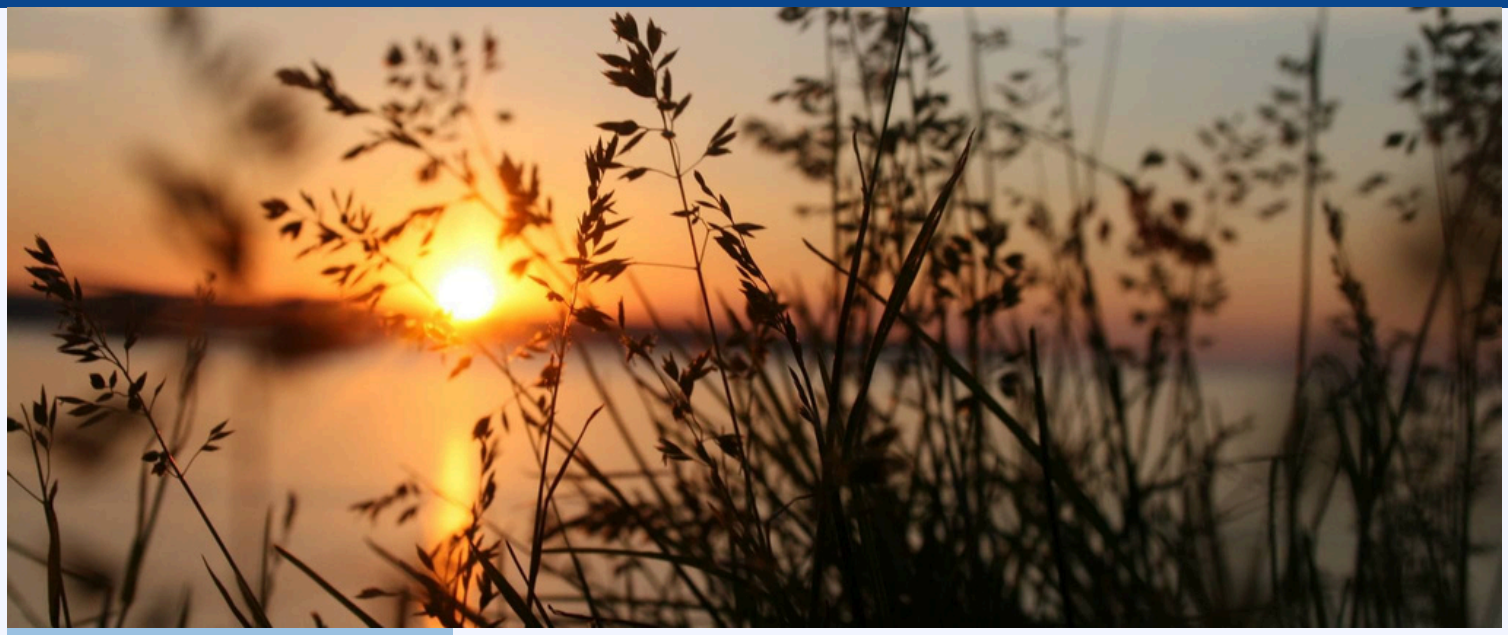
September 2026

The CCN Monthly

Savoring Summer, Welcoming Fall:
Sistercare Drive, Upcoming Meetings + Café News



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Welcome Neighbors

We are so glad you're here.

The CCN Monthly Newsletter is your one-stop source for everything happening across our neighborhoods — from meeting recaps and community resources to civic education and upcoming events. Each month, we bring you the updates that matter most so you can stay informed, stay engaged, and stay connected to the people and places that make Columbia home.

As summer turns into autumn, we're keeping you informed about what's going on In your communities and how you can participate In fall festivals & other activities.

Inside this month's newsletter, we're highlighting the Sistercare Saturdays & Toiletry Drive, volunteers for Pedestrian & Bicyclist Counts, the Lavender Café Ribbon Cutting, and so much more.



Upcoming Membership Meetings

September 17, 2026 |
6 P.M.
Earlewood Park,
1113 Recreation Dr,
Columbia, SC 29203

October 25, 2026 | 6 P.M.
Hampton Park,
1117 Brandon Ave,
Columbia, SC 29209

December 3, 2026 | 5 P.M.
Eau Claire Print Building
3907 Ensor Ave,
Columbia, SC 29203

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to connect with neighborhood leaders, hear from guest speakers, and stay informed about the issues shaping our city.

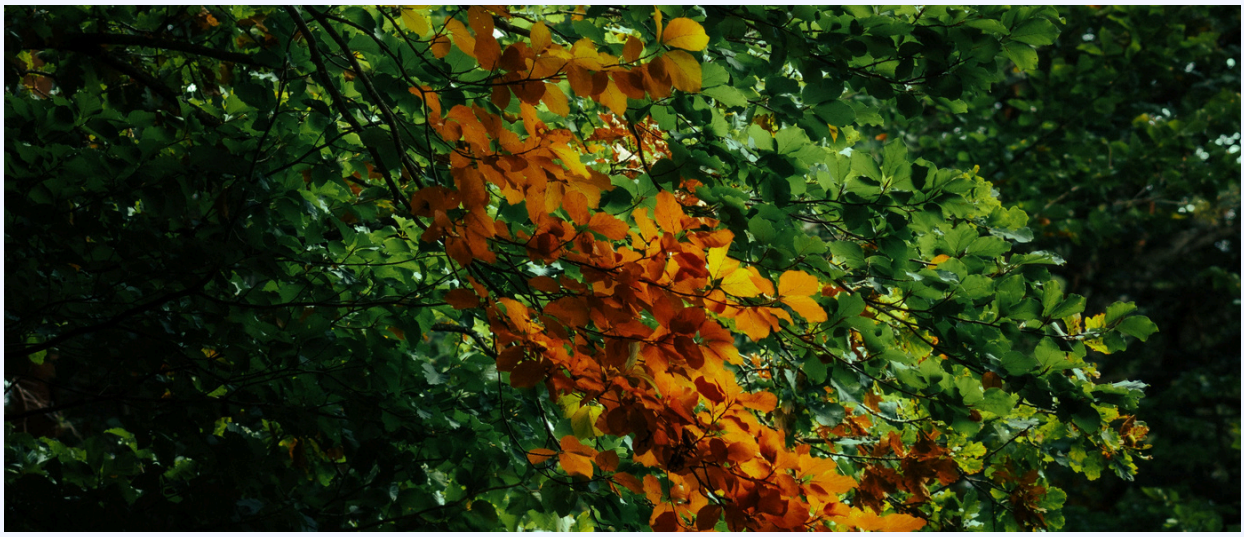
Whether you're a longtime member or attending for the first time, we invite you to join us.

Soaking Up Summer & Welcoming Fall



As the golden light of late August settles over our streets, we invite every neighbor to enjoy these final weeks of summer in Columbia. Whether it's a morning walk under the canopy of Sherwood Forest or an evening gathering on a porch in Shandon, take a moment to soak in the season.

As we look ahead to the crisp beginnings of fall, let's carry that community spirit forward into our upcoming neighborhood projects and autumn festivals!



What are your favorite ways to enjoy the transition from summer to fall in your neighborhood?
Reply and share your photos with us!

Sistercare Saturdays & Toiletry Drive



Come by at GatherCola on Saturday, September 12th, say hello, and drop off your donations! Note: If you are unable to attend the event but have items to donate, please reach out—I am available to pick up donations directly from your home.

Pedestrian & Bicyclist Counts: Volunteers Needed



Help shape the future of our streets! The City of Columbia is conducting its semiannual pedestrian and bicyclist counts, and volunteers are needed to collect the data necessary for creating safer, more people-oriented streetscapes.

Count Dates: September 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, and 26.

Sign up to represent your corner of the city!



Lavender Café Ribbon Cutting

Columbia Council of Neighborhoods would like to give a warm welcome to Lavender Café, which officially opened its doors on Wednesday, August 19th! With its cozy atmosphere and delightful menu of specialty coffees and seasonal treats, it's already becoming a favorite local spot for neighbors to connect and unwind.

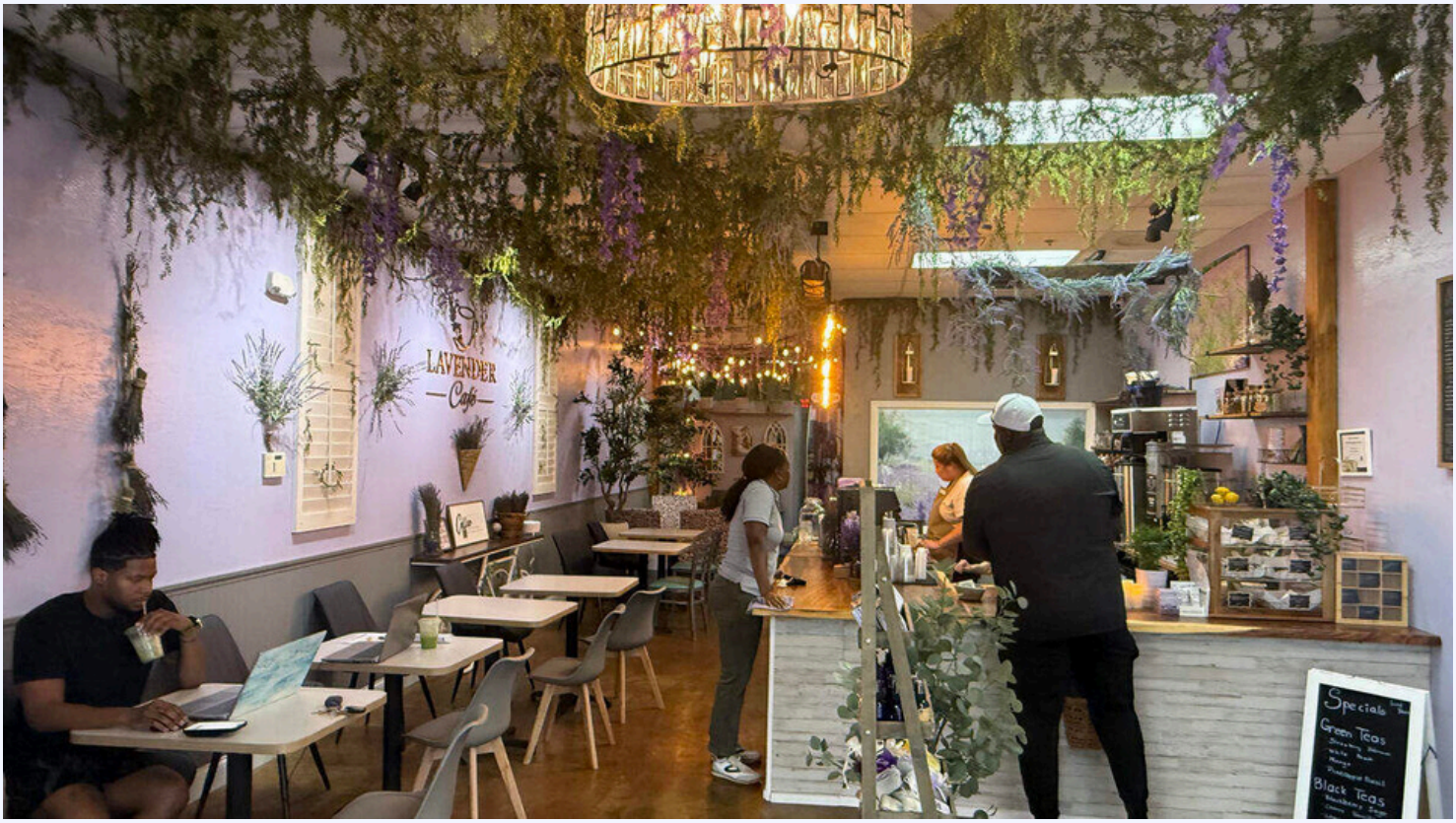


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Visit Lavender Café at
101 Sparkleberry Crossing Rd #3, Columbia, SC 29223
Monday - Friday: 7:30am-5pm
Saturday: 8am-3pm

Thank you for being part of the CCN family.

Thank you for staying connected with the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

Your involvement, advocacy, and commitment help create stronger, safer, and more vibrant communities across Columbia.

Every meeting attended, every concern raised, and every volunteer hour contributes to meaningful change.
Through our hands, into our communities.

Be a part of the change you want to see. It starts in your home and stretches through your neighborhood.

Have a wonderful September, and we look forward to seeing you at our next membership meeting.

Share Your Neighborhood Events With Us

If you are hosting or have recently hosted a community or neighborhood event, we invite you to submit it for promotion across CCN's platforms.

What to Send:

- ***High-quality photos from your event***
- ***Event name***
- ***Date and location***
- ***A brief description***
- ***Any organization or neighborhood association involved***

Please send your submissions to info@ccnsc.org.

We want to help amplify the great work happening across our neighborhoods.

