

CCN Executive Committee 2023–2025

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Harrison Greenlaw

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Pat Brown

Assistant Secretary

Trace Ballou

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President's Message

As I review the past two years as CCN president, I am pleased with the progress made:

- CCN regained nonprofit corporation status with the IRS and was recertified by the SC Secretary of State's Office as a nonprofit charity.
- CCN invited many city department heads to speak at meetings to share information on water/sewer, streets/beautification, code enforcement, planning/development and trash/recycling.
- CCN earned an allocation from the city to help support neighborhood outreach, which we utilized to hire a communications/marketing specialist, better engage neighborhoods and launch a new website and several social media channels. We have reapplied for additional funding from the city for FY26.

*Thank you
for helping us
grow ****

- CCN also received a record amount in private donations including a sponsorship from Huntington Bank, which will be coming to the Columbia area at the end of the year.
- I am most proud of the work that CCN officers and committees accomplished by simplifying the process to join CCN with a fillable online form which led to an increased number of neighborhoods joining CCN.
- CCN also negotiated with the city to provide financial incentives to engaged neighborhoods.
- CCN decided to hold monthly meetings in different districts of Columbia and to make sure members engaged with City Councilpersons at membership meetings.

If you have topics you would like to see CCN address in the next year, please contact an officer or our incoming CCN President Kay Patterson.

Best Wishes,

Harrison Greenlaw, Outgoing CCN President



June Election of CCN Officers

At the CCN Membership Meeting on June 26th at the Busby Community Center—located at 1735 Busby Street—neighborhood leaders will hear a short address from each candidate running for office.

Candidates may be asked a few questions to help voters better know each nominee. The Elections Committee will distribute one ballot per neighborhood for voting.

After ballots are counted, election results will be announced and the new officers will be sworn in. After neighborhood announcements, the meeting will conclude with light refreshments.

Please Note: There is no proxy or absentee voting. If a neighborhood has more than one officer or representative attend this meeting, they should sit together and consult before voting.



Neighborhood Leaders – Immediate Action Needed!

1. **Check Out Our New Website** - Note the "Members-Only Login" in the upper right hand corner. This will allow you to connect with other CCN neighborhood leaders and submit neighborhood events, meetings and photos. You can only access the members-only section and submit neighborhood events and photos if you have joined CCN in 2025. The membership process is now a calendar year process (January - December), so to ensure we are only providing member-only access to current neighborhood leaders, each neighborhood must complete the membership process for 2025.
2. **Join CCN for 2025** - If you have not already joined for 2025, please do so now! Go to [CCNSC.org>Membership>Join](https://ccnsc.org/membership/join), and complete the online form or download the fillable form and bring it to the next CCN meeting.
3. **Follow CCN on Social Media** - Follow our new socials by scanning the QR codes to the right.
4. **Submit Your Comments/Suggestions** - Send comments and/or suggestions to CCN's Executive Committee in the lower right hand corner of each page on the website or by emailing info@ccnsc.org.



CCN Awards

CCN will recognize awards in the following categories:

- (1) Neighborhood of the Year
- (2) Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year
- (3) Neighborhood Program/Event of the Year



The awards period is from 7/1/24 to 6/30/25. Award applications will be available on our website by late June and accepted until July 24, 2025.

Award winners will be recognized at the August 28th CCN Membership Meeting.



UPCOMING
MEETING
DATES

CCN Membership Meetings

- **Thursday, June 26, 6pm**
Busby Community Center | 1735 Busby Street | Columbia, SC 29203
- **Thursday, July 24, 6pm**
Hampton Park | 1117 Brandon Street | Columbia, SC 29209
- **Thursday, August 28, 6pm**
Busby Community Center | 1735 Busby Street | Columbia, SC 29203



How Can You Help CCN Grow?

You likely know someone who lives in a neighborhood that is not involved with our organization, and we want to ensure that all neighborhoods receive timely and important information from CCN, the City of Columbia and Richland County. The CCN Executive Committee is looking for individuals who can help us reach those neighborhoods.

We believe that all neighborhoods contribute to building a thriving capital city; therefore, we are looking for volunteers to help us reach every neighborhood in Columbia. We will provide the script to use and ideas on how to find neighborhood leaders, but we need your help to make a few phone calls so CCN can continue to grow and benefit from the diverse voices across our city.

Please volunteer today by contacting a member of the CCN Executive Committee at info@ccnsc.org.

Showcase Your Neighborhood's Meetings, Events and/or Special Projects

Each issue of the *CCN Courier* will provide an opportunity to showcase neighborhood events or projects! Each submission must be no more than 300 words, and this opportunity is only available to neighborhoods whose 2025 membership is currently active with CCN.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thank You for Your Service to CCN

Thank you to CCN's 2023-2025 Executive Council for your service the past two years! We appreciate everything you have done to help CCN grow and evolve into a thriving organization.



CCN Sponsors



Thanks to CCN's newest sponsor, Huntington Bank, who will be coming to Columbia in late 2025-early 2026!

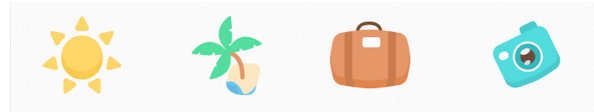


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Candidate Statements for CCN Officer Elections

President-Elect



Adam Nagler

Adam Nagler was raised in Columbia where he attended Irmo High School and graduated from the University of South Carolina, Aiken. After working in many states as an operations manager, he returned to Columbia. Adam and his wife Ellie bought a house in the Granby neighborhood in 2004 and spent several years renovating their home before welcoming their son Brandon. A stay-at-home dad, Adam has been involved with the Granby Neighborhood Association since moving in and joined the board of the Mill District Alliance in 2023.

Vice President

Jerry Parker

Jerry served as CCN Vice President from 2021-2023 and currently serves in the appointed position of CCN Sergeant-at-Arms. Additionally, he is the current president of the Galaxy Neighborhood Association. Jerry is experienced with leading nonprofit organizations having served as president of the Lions Club, the State Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Police. Jerry is also a first responder. He believes operating an organization can take 4-5 hours daily and has to "be in your blood." He thinks CCN should always work for the neighborhoods by helping with leadership training and funding.

Ken Tolson

Ken lives in Greenview where he serves as parliamentarian, community advocate and guardian ad litem and is also a notary. Since 2024, Ken has frequently volunteered as CCN's greeter during membership meetings and helps check in neighborhood leaders as they arrive. He sees the vice president's role as being knowledgeable of Robert's Rules of Order, working closely with city officials and helping to grow CCN by encouraging more neighborhood leaders to take an active role on CCN committees.

Secretary

Pat Brown

Pat is seeking re-election as secretary for CCN. Pat is a retired educator, a neighborhood president and actively involved in civic organizations and projects. She supports growth and improvement for her council district, city and nation by participating in a variety of civic activities. Pat believes that it is one's obligation to help make one's surroundings a better place for themselves and future generations. If elected as CCN Secretary, Pat wishes to help CCN provide services that will help improve neighborhood cooperation, engagement and group awareness of best practices.

 **OTE JUNE 26TH!**

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Candidate Statements for CCN Officer Elections Cont...

Assistant Secretary

Trace Ballou

Trace has served as chair of CCN's Program Committee and is currently acting assistant secretary for CCN. She is a former English teacher, a self-employed gardener and lifelong volunteer. Most recently, Trace served as board member and president of Columbia Green and currently gives her time as Steering Committee Chair for their Columbia Canopy Project. Trace is also co-chair for Beat the Heat Plant-A-Tree initiative, a partnership between the City of Columbia Department of Forestry & Beautification and Columbia Green. Trace enjoys taking quality notes and values clear communication and organized efficiency in any group project. Trace noted the energy and commitment she has seen during her involvement with CCN and wants to contribute to our common vision.

Treasurer

John Baynes

John is a USC Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He is a regular attendee of CCN meetings and has been treasurer of the Wales Garden Neighborhood Association for three years. With annual membership dues for over 100 households and recurring and one-time expenses, he handles about 150 transactions per year involving multiple accounts as well as Venmo, Zelle and PayPal. He submits quarterly and annual treasurer's reports to the members of the Wales Garden Neighborhood Association. John currently serves on the CCN Finance Committee and works closely with current CCN Treasurer Denise Wellman.

Dr. Constance Lorick

Constance lives in the Prescott Terrace neighborhood.



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June 21st 10am-1pm

Drew Wellness Center
2101 Walker Solomon Way, Columbia, SC 29204

Free Giveaways

Free Food

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SPECIAL PERFORMER:

"DA FISHERMAN"

HIP HOP SONGWRITER, PERFORMER, AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
ALSO MUSIC BY DJ AMANDA PORTER

Use the QR code or link to tell us how many are interested in coming, so we can get a headcount for food and drinks. Thank you!

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Congratulations!

The Finance Sub-Committee—John Baynes, Pat Brown, Cedric Clark, Jerry Parker, Lynn Shirley and Denise Wellman—along with Pat Mason and Kay Patterson has been busy, and we now have 35 neighborhoods who have joined CCN. Please join us in congratulating them on their hard work!

