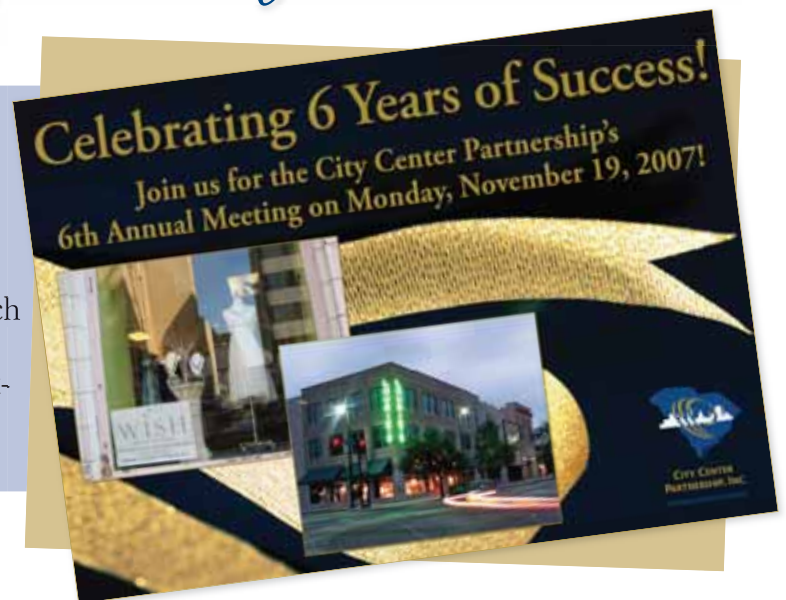


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## Celebrating 6 Years of Success!

Join us for the City Center Partnership's 6th Annual Meeting on Monday, November 19, at the First Citizens building located at 1230 Main Street. The reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker Midge McCauley with Economics Research Associates will present on the future of urban retail. First Citizens is sponsoring the annual meeting. There is no charge to attend. Guests must RSVP by November 14 – call (803) 233-0620. ☺



## Urban Tour 2007

Urban Tour '07 is your chance to explore and enjoy a self-guided walking tour of Columbia's Main Street with performers, entertainment, food and drink along the way. Businesses will keep the doors open late for this special street fair on November 8. Start your journey with "cheeseburgers in paradise" and LandShark lager at the Vson model condo on Lady Street (open from 5-6:30 p.m., 1321 Lady Street). Then continue your tour down Main Street to a wrap-up party with food, drink, and live music at Tapp's historic fountain room.

Food will be collected for Harvest Hope Food Bank, so bring a canned food item to help out. After all, Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Join us for this one-of-a-kind tour and discover what it's like to live, work, and play on Main Street. ☺

# Artwork on Display from Byers Greer

City Center Partnership (CCP) would like to thank Columbia artist Byers Greer for loaning his beautiful artwork to grace the walls of the CCP office. Please stop by and view some of his gallery's pieces at 1201 Main Street, Suite 150.

A self-taught artist, Mr. Byers's principal painting medium is acrylic on canvas.

Mr. Byers's work is also featured at the Gallery at DuPRE, located in the historic Dupre building at 807 Gervais Street. This gallery features original artwork by up-and-coming South Carolina artists, and will officially open on November 16. For more information, contact Byers Greer at 803.546.1143 or [info@dupregallery.com](mailto:info@dupregallery.com). Again, CCP is grateful to showcase Mr. Byers's talent in our office! ☺



Acrylic on canvas painting "River Birch" by Byers Greer.

## Holiday Main Street Marketplace is Friday, December 7!



The holiday season is quickly approaching! Take a break from the office or get out of the house for a little holiday shopping fun at City Center Partnership's 2007 Holiday Main Street Marketplace. The holiday market will be held on Friday, December 7 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Main Street Marketplace is an open-air market featuring delicious food and fresh baked goods, organic produce, specialty gifts, arts & crafts, and holiday items, as well as live music and creative artists. Admission is free! For more information, contact Nicole Grubbs at 803-779-4005, ext. 2042 or [nicole@cartertodd.com](mailto:nicole@cartertodd.com) ☺

## 2007 Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade

The 54th Annual Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 1, on Gervais Street in downtown Columbia. The theme "Oh, What Fun It Is!" will be featured throughout dozens of floats, marching bands, drill teams, and live performances.

The Jingle All the Way 5K and Santa's Fun Run for kids will be held parade morning and will take runners along the parade route and beyond. The Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade will begin at 9:45 a.m. at Gervais and Bull Streets and proceed west on Gervais, pass in front of the State House and continue into the Vista to Park Street.

The Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade is not only the Capital City's premier parade, but also the official holiday parade of South Carolina. With nearly 100 entries, the Carillon will feature a memorable opening presentation, clowns, marching bands from across the state, dancers and entertainers, local churches, vintage autos, dozens of custom floats, live animals, and the children's highlight each year, Santa Claus! For more information, call (803) 781-6122. ☺



# T3 Patrol Scooters Hit Downtown Columbia

City Center Partnership (CCP) has donated two T3 Electric Patrol Scooters to the Columbia Police Department for additional patrolling downtown. This effort is a result of the \$90,000 in hospitality tax funding CCP received to support a downtown public safety plan. In addition to the T3 scooters, City Center Partnership purchased a Polaris Ranger and an environmentally friendly golf cart for its clean and safety team. Half of the funding is allocated for equipment and the other half will go towards additional manpower.

Officer Thomas McCloghry uses the T3 scooter to patrol the areas from Gervais to Calhoun Street and Sumter to Assembly Street. He has been in law enforcement for over 30 years and eight years in Columbia, SC. The officers on scooters augment the walking officers downtown.

The T3 scooter allows the officers to respond very quickly and permits them to navigate easily along alleyways, sidewalks and throughout the parking garages.

City Center Partnership also offers a hospitality shuttle service Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The shift supervisor can be reached at 803.309.7758 to schedule shuttle service.☺



Above: Officer Thomas McCloghry uses the T3 scooter to patrol the areas from Gervais to Calhoun Street and Sumter to Assembly Street.



Left: CCP offers a hospitality shuttle service Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 11 pm, and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm.

## No Change for the Parking Meter? No problem!

The City of Columbia has a new way to make sure citizens don't have to keep a supply of coins in their cars or pockets to pay parking meters. SmartCards and tokens are now for sale at the City of Columbia's parking service department's customer service office at 1212-B Hampton Street, located in the rear of the Sumter Street parking garage behind the Columbia Marriott hotel. One token will provide a full hour on any of the city's 4,600 parking meters. Tokens can be purchased in bags of 50 for \$35, a savings of \$2.50.

SmartCards are the size of a credit card, so they fit conveniently in a wallet, purse, or pocket. They can be purchased with \$20, \$50, \$75, \$100, and \$150 on them, and the SmartCard itself costs \$5. Once the original amount has been used, the cards can be re-charged at the customer service office.

For more information call (803) 343-8740.☺





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## Upcoming Downtown Events

Check out the events calendar in our "Happenings" section  
on our web site at <http://www.citycentercolumbia.sc>.

From arts to entertainment to shopping to outdoor movies,  
you're sure to find something that interests you!

## Welcome to Downtown Columbia

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