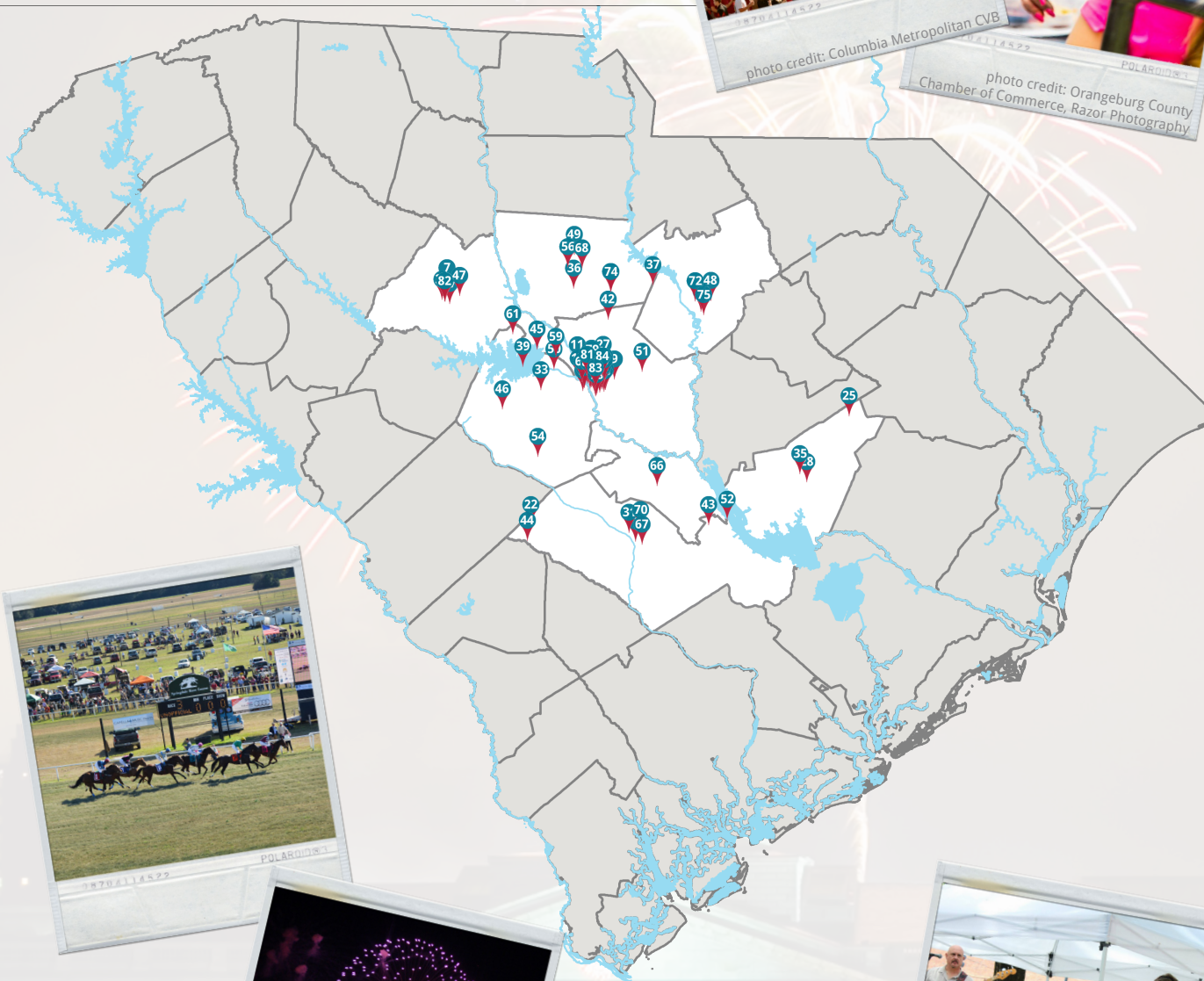




FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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King Day at the Dome



<http://scnaacp.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

A day of commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Features a march to the State House followed by a rally on the grounds.

3

Red Shoe Run



<http://rmhcofcolumbia.org/RedShoeRun>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Annual 10K & 5K road race to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Columbia, SC.

4

World Beer Festival



<http://allaboutbeer.com/gather-for-beer/world-beer-festival/columbia-sc/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

More than 100 craft breweries showcase their signature beers.

1

The Grand American Coon Hunt, America's largest field trial competition for coon dogs, is held annually in Orangeburg County.



5

Annual Benedict College Black History Teleconference



<http://www.benedict.edu/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Annual live and recorded teleconference broadcast focusing on African American history. Features panel of local public speakers.

6

Columbia Boat Show



<http://www.columbiaboatshow.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Boating and seafaring show with more than four dozen vendors and exhibitors.

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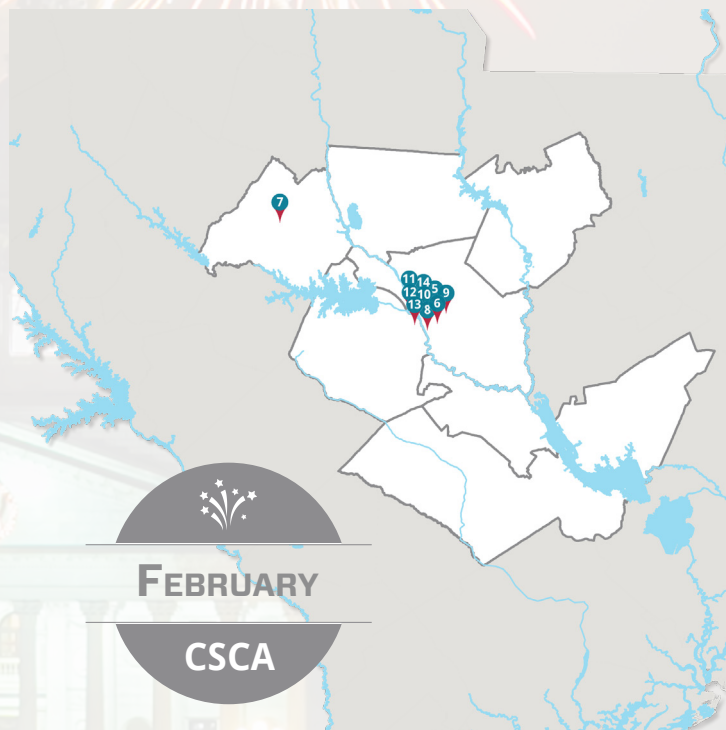
Healthy Chili Cook-Off



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Amateur cooks faceoff for healthy chili recipes.



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Hearts and Hands Gala



<http://www.familysheltersc.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

An evening of food, auction events, and music to benefit the Family Shelter.

9

Junior League Clean Sweep



https://www.jlcolumbia.org/?nd=clean_sweep

RICHLAND COUNTY

One-day "rummage sale" fundraiser for the Junior League of Columbia.

10

MGC Long Run



<http://www.mgclongrun.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

15K and 5K races, and Kids' Fun Run to raise funds for select charities and organizations.

11

Midlands Heart Ball



<http://midlandsscheartball.heart.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Black-tie fundraising and awareness campaign during American Heart Month.

12

Orchids on the Riverbanks



<https://www.riverbanks.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Exhibition of live orchids at the Riverbanks Botanical Garden. Features orchid arrangements and growing instructions by experts.

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Firing on Columbia

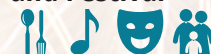


RICHLAND & LEXINGTON COUNTIES

Historical re-enactment of the firing on Columbia by Gen. William Sherman during the Civil War.

14

South Carolina Annual Black History Parade and Festival



<http://www.fundsinc1.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Annual Black History month celebration featuring parade, live music, and dance performances.



15

Carolina Cup



<http://www.carolina-cup.org/>

KERSHAW COUNTY

Bring in the spring with steeplechase horse racing in the historic city of Camden.

16

Founders Park



<http://www.gamecocksonline.com/facilities/carolina-stadium.html>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Home of South Carolina Gamecocks Baseball. Built in 2009, it can hold over 8,000 visitors and has been repeatedly ranked among the top 10 college baseball stadiums in the U.S.

17

Irish Fling



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/area-attractions/annual-events/irish-fling>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Newberry with live entertainment and dinner specials.

18

Palmetto Sportsman's Classic
<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/psc/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Help promote natural resource conservation at the largest hunting and fishing show in SC.

19

St. Patrick's Day in Five Points
<http://fivepointscolumbia.com/events/St-Pats>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Experience the luck of the Irish in the eclectic Five Points business district. Features live entertainment, food and drink, 10K/5K/family fun run, and Children's Carnival.

20

Artista Vista
<http://www.artistavista.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

The Midland's most celebrated gallery crawl. Three day event features local galleries with exhibitions, cocktails and appetizers, and entertainment.

21

Five Points After Five
<http://www.fivepointscolumbia.com/events/Five-After-Five>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Free outdoor local concert series and more hosted at the famous fountain in Five Points. Begins in April and runs through August.

22

Governor's Frog Jump Festival
<http://springfieldsc.us/governor.htm>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Annual Easter weekend tradition featuring a carnival, parade, entertainment, frog jump, egg hunt, and more.

23

Indie Grits Film Festival
<http://www.indiegrits.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Film and culture festival celebrates independent media.

24

Pork in the Park
<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/area-attractions/annual-events/pork-in-the-park>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Barbeque competition featuring BBQ from across the South.

26

River Rocks Music Festival
<http://www.riverrocksfestival.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Enjoy paddling and live music with fun activities for the whole family. Child and dog friendly.

27

Spirit Communications Park
<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t3705>

RICHLAND COUNTY

New Columbia venue open 365 days a year and serving as a public park when events aren't scheduled. Home to the Columbia Fireflies.





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Chamber of Commerce

Celebrate spring and South Carolina's state fish during the Striped Bass Festival in Clarendon County. The event features a fishing tournament, beauty pageant, parade, food and drink, and crafts displays.



32

Governor's Cup Road Race



<http://www.governorscupsc.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Take part in one of the oldest, continuously conducted road race events in the Southeast - Date changes annually.

33

Lexington Wine Walk



<http://www.lexingtonwinewalk.com/>

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Help benefit the Lexington Beautification Foundation with wine and friends.

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Rosewood Crawfish Festival



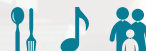
<http://rosewoodcrawfishfest.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Enjoy a taste of Creole at this day-long festival that pays homage to the little crustacean. Live musical entertainment on three stages and the Li'l Crawdaddy Carnival provide full-family entertainment.

35

Taste of Clarendon



<http://www.clarendoncounty.com/>

CLARENDON COUNTY

Support Clarendon County and all it has to offer at this food-for-all event!

36

Wings & Wheels Air Festival



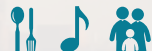
<http://fairfieldchamber.sc/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Pilots take the to skies with vintage aircraft for a show of aeronautic skills. Features a sky diving demonstration, for-free plane rides, and exhibits.

29

A Taste of Newberry



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1425489117747011/>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Sample some of the finest cuisine from restaurants in Newberry.

30

Arts on the Ridge



<http://ridgewaysc.org/gallery/3/arts-on-the-ridge>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Celebrate the visual, performing, and literary arts in historic Ridgeway on the first weekend of May.

31

Festival of Roses



<http://www.festivalofroses.com/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Celebrate the beginning of the rose blooming season along the banks of the Edisto River.



38

Columbia Fashion Week



<http://www.columbiafashionweek.com//>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Check out some of the latest fashion trends at this week-long extravaganza.

39

Purple Martin Roosting



LEXINGTON COUNTY

A summertime phenomenon you have to see to believe as hundreds of thousands of purple martins converge on Bomb Island at Lake Murray to roost.

40

Southeastern Piano Festival



<http://sepf.music.sc.edu/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

A summer tradition at the University of South Carolina where young piano players perform and enhance their talents.

41

Summer Concert Series



<https://www.columbiasc.net/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Enjoy a warm Midlands summer evening with a free outdoor concert. This series begins in June and runs through August on Saturdays at Finlay Park.

37

Ag + Art Tour



<http://www.agandarttour.com/>

COUNTIES VARY BY YEAR

A self-guided tour of farms in participating counties. Also includes local artisans and farmer's markets.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations in honor of the American Independence Day are held throughout Central SC region counties. The provided list is a sampling of available events.

42

A Rockin' Red, White, & Blue Celebration

<http://www.townofblythewoodsc.gov/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

43

Annual Ellore Independence Day Program

<http://www.elloreesc.com/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

44

July 4th Patriotic Celebration and Fireworks

<http://www.orangeburgchamber.com/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

45

Lake Murray 4th of July Boat Parade & Fireworks

<http://www.lakemurraycountry.com/>

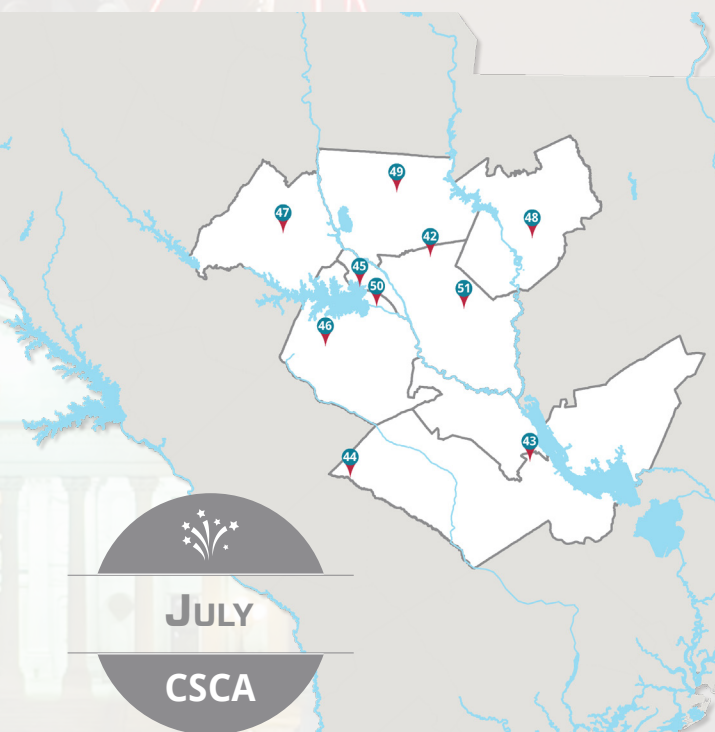
LEXINGTON COUNTY

46

Lexington County Peach Festival

<http://www.lexingtoncountypeachfestival.com/>

LEXINGTON COUNTY



47 Newberry Fireworks Celebration & Harper Street Bike Parade

<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/>
NEWBERRY COUNTY

48 Patriots, Picnic, & Pops

<http://www.cityofcamden.org/>
KERSHAW COUNTY

49 Paw Parade

<http://fairfieldchamber.sc/>
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

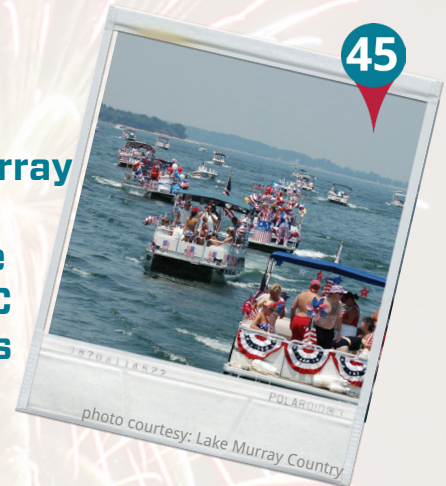
50 Star Spangled Symphonic Salute

<http://www.lmsa.org/#!star-spangled-symphonic-salute/g0iil>
RICHLAND/LEXINGTON COUNTIES


51 Torchlight Tattoo - Independence Day Celebration & 4th of July 5k

<http://jackson.armymwr.com/us/jackson>
FORT JACKSON/RICHLAND COUNTY

The 4th of July celebrations on Lake Murray draw a crowd of thousands. The annual tradition is kicked off with a boat parade and concludes with one of the largest SC fireworks displays from launching points at two islands in the lake.



53 Brew at the Zoo


<http://www.riverbanks.org/events/brew-at-the-zoo.shtml>
RICHLAND COUNTY


Experience some unique brews alongside the animal kingdom at the state's landmark zoo. Fundraising event features beer sampling, food, and lounging experiences.

54 South Carolina Peanut Party


<http://www.scpelionpeanutparty.com/>
LEXINGTON COUNTY


Get to know the "caviar of the South" at this long-running festival in Pelion. South Carolinians have grown to love these salty little "goobers" so much that they were named the state snack in 2006.

55 Williams Brice Stadium


<http://www.gamecocksonline.com/facilities/scar-facilities-wb-stadium.html>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Home of the University of South Carolina's Gamecocks, this stadium lights up the night sky and downtown Columbia during college football season.

52 Annual Big Daddy Fishing Event


<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/products/10002838>
ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Fun-filled day of fishing and food for youths age 12 and under.



58

Fall Heritage Festival & Pickin' Party



<http://scmuseum.org/events/signature-events/>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Enjoy the cooler weather at this barbeque and folk art and music festival. Hosted annually at the South Carolina State Museum.

60

Jubilee Festival of Heritage



<http://www.historiccolumbia.org/jubilee>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Celebrate the remarkable life and contributions of freed slave Celia Mann and her descendants. Features array of programs and activities.

61

Labor Day Festival & Parade



<http://www.chapinsc.com/>
LEXINGTON COUNTY

Annual parade and festival that features a parade, a road race, a children's carnival, food and entertainment, and a classic car show.

62

Run for Our Troops



<http://www.runforourtroops.com/>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Annual 5k supporting military veterans and first responders coping with physical and emotional injuries resulting from their heroic service to our nation.

56

43 Mile Big Grab Yard Sale



<http://fairfieldchamber.sc/>
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

There's something for all at this massive yard sale looping from Blythewood through Ridgeway to Winnsboro and back to Blythewood.

57

Columbia's Greek Festival



<http://columbiasgreekfestival.com/>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Get transported to another land at this annual festival. Features Greek music, foods, libations, crafts, and family-fun. Hosted annually in Columbia.

59

Fried, steamed, or stewed! Get your okra just about any way you like it while helping the community at the Irmo Okra Strut in Lexington County!



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Boo at the Zoo is a family-friendly Halloween spooktacular in the heart of SC at Riverbanks Zoo & Garden. Features trick-or-treating, dance party, marshmallow roast & more.



64

Carolina Downhome Blues Festival



<http://www.fineartscenter.org/>

KERSHAW COUNTY

A week-long celebration of blues with performances by US and international legendary blues artists.

65

Newberry Oktoberfest



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/area-attractions/annual-events/oktoberfest>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

A celebration of German heritage featuring authentic cuisine, music, and arts and crafts.

66

Old South Farm Festival



ORANGEBURG COUNTY

A celebration of farm heritage, this fundraiser benefits multiple organizations. Features antique car, truck and tractor show, silent auction, kid-friendly events, and musical entertainment.

67

Orangeburg County Fair



<http://www.orangeburgcountyfair.org/>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

A Fall tradition, the fair offers up wholesome family fun and community fellowship.

68

Rock Around the Clock



<http://www.townofwinsboro.com/winsboro-facts>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Among the most popular festivals in Fairfield County, bands and performers rock out for an evening of musical entertainment around the nation's oldest continuously running clock.

69

With a history nearly 200 years old, the South Carolina State Fair attracts over 400,000 visitors annually. The 12-day event features classic

and inventive fair foods, crafts, rides for all ages, and popular entertainers.



70

Taste of Orangeburg



<http://www.orangeburgchamber.com/visitors/festival-events>

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Find out what makes Orangeburg restaurants so great at this local cuisine feast-for-all.



73

Main Street Lights



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/area-attractions/annual-events/main-street-lights>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Usher in the holiday season in Newberry with the city's official tree lighting ceremony, mini-festival, and lights displays.

74

Pig on the Ridge



<http://www.pigontheridge.org/>

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Fundraising event attracting dozens of barbeque aficionados. Features one night of non-pork offerings with the big cook-off the following day.

75

Revolutionary War Field Days



<http://www.cityofcamden.org/>

KERSHAW COUNTY

Experience a piece of the past during re-enactments of the Revolutionary War in the historic city of Camden.

76

South Carolina Oyster Festival



<http://scoysterfest.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

A taste of the coast comes inland at this shucker's paradise. Features oysters and food options for land-lovers.

71

Chili Cook-Off



<http://www.fivepointscolumbia.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Warm up on a cool November weekend with a bowl of chili. Restaurants compete for the fame while your tastebuds get to claim who's best.

72

Colonial Cup



<http://www.carolina-cup.org/colonial-cup/>

KERSHAW COUNTY

The grand finale of the steeplechase horse racing season held in the historic city of Camden.

THANKSGIVING & HOLIDAY KICK-OFF CELEBRATIONS

Get into the holiday spirit with some of the Thanksgiving and ongoing holiday celebrations held around the Central SC region. Due to the ongoing nature of some of these events, the sample list below does not appear on maps in this publication.

Annual Columbia Winter Jazz Fest

<http://www.thetownship.org/events/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Carolina Ballet's *The Nutcracker*

<http://columbiacityballet.com/production/nutcracker/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Holiday House Tours

<http://www.historiccolumbia.org/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Holiday Lights on the River

<http://www.icrc.net/>
LEXINGTON COUNTY

Lights Before Christmas

<https://www.riverbanks.org/events/lights-before-christmas.shtml/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Main Street Ice

<http://columbiaparksandrecreationfoundation.org/mainstreetice/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

SNOWVILLE

<http://www.edventure.org/>
RICHLAND COUNTY

Thanksgiving Sail

<http://laniersail.com/>
LEXINGTON COUNTY

Train Rides with Santa

<http://www.scrm.org/>
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

78



Join thousands of your new friends to ring in the New Year at the **Famously Hot New Year in Columbia**. Features globally-recognized artists, VIP lounge, fireworks show, and more.



79

Governor's Carolighting



<http://governor.sc.gov/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Usher in the holiday spirit on the South Carolina State House grounds with the lighting of the State Christmas Tree and singing of carols.

80

Vista Lights



<http://www.vistalightssc.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Explore what Columbia's Vista has to offer and get your holiday shopping list checked off at this street party.

77

Carolina Carillon Holiday Parade



<http://www.carolinacarillon.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

Celebrate the holidays in downtown Columbia with a parade, 5k, and pageant. 60 year Columbia tradition. Telecast on local news stations.

81

Arts & Draughts



<http://www.columbiamuseum.org/happenings/arts-draughts>

RICHLAND COUNTY

82

Family Movie Night



<http://www.cityofnewberry.com/>

NEWBERRY COUNTY

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First Thursdays on Main



<http://www.firstthursdayonmain.com/>

RICHLAND COUNTY

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Soda City



<http://sodacitysc.com/>

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