

November & December 2024

The *Current*



**LETTER TO COMMUNITY
YOUTH SPORTS
HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
PERFORMING ART CENTER**



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COLUMBIA COUNTY EXHIBITION
CENTER



Community and Leisure Services Division

Dear Reader,

I hope this edition of *The Current* finds you and your loved ones well. On September 27th, Columbia County and our surrounding areas were hit with one of the most damaging natural disasters that we have ever seen. During this time, our division rallied and were able to provide shelter, power and nutrition for hundreds at Patriots Park, help run the Point of Distribution for donations at the Columbia County Performing Arts Center and Patriots Park and provide shelter and a home for animals through Animal Services. Our parks services staff worked continuously to open park roadways and clear debris so that many of our parks could be assessed for damage and reopen to the public. I am extremely proud of everyone in the division who worked countless hours to help our community and reopen as quickly and safely as possible.

Due to extensive damage, the following parks will be closed or opened in a limited capacity:

- Wildwood Park campsites will be closed for the immediate future. The boat ramps are open and available for use.
- Reed Creek Nature Park boardwalk is closed.
- Savannah Rapids Pavilion is closed and will need to be renovated, we are working to open the park and the canal path as soon and safe as possible.
- Columbia County Racquet Center is closed for the immediate future.

We appreciate your patience as we rebuild and reopen fully. We are excited to be able to restart our fall youth sport program and open registration on Monday, October 28th for winter youth sports. We will have a full winter program of events (Christmas Tree Lighting, Evans on Ice, shows at the Columbia County Performing Arts Center) and hope to see you and your loved ones out and about in our parks and at our events.

John Luton

Director of Community Services

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Columbia County Animal Shelter



**Visit Columbia County
Animal Services to find your
next furry friend!**

**Kennel Hours for Visitation and
adoptions are 10:30 am- 4:30pm
Monday-Friday**

COLUMBIA COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES
940 William Few Parkway

Animal Services

Pet Microchipping:
technology to help reunite your lost
pet

Columbia County Animal Services offers a pet microchipping service for only \$15.00—that includes lifetime registration.

We are available for this service during our normal business hours.

The fee includes the lifetime registration of the ID number in a safe and secure database to help reunite you with your lost pet.

It is 100% safe and along with an ID tag, the best way to keep your pet safe.

Since Columbia County Animal Services implemented its low-cost microchipping program—thousands of animals now have a permanent form of identification!

You may be considering having your animal microchipped at Columbia County Animal Services

Here are a few of the benefits

- If an Animal Control Officer finds your dog or cat, it is procedure that all animals are scanned for the presence of a microchip in the field (If they can do so safely—if not it is done at the shelter). If an ACO finds a microchip they will contact the listed owner and will return the animal to you if someone is home and able to sign for the animal—thus saving you the time of having to come to the animal shelter to reclaim your pet.
- If your animal is injured and is taken to a vet by a citizen, the vet will scan the animal and let you know your animal is in safe hands
- It protects you by establishing ownership of an animal by the registration documents and assigned microchip number if there was ever a question as to the ownership of the animal.

A RFID microchip next to a grain of rice

What is Microchipping?

Microchipping is a simple safe and quick procedure. It can make all the difference in being reunited with your pet should they stray or go missing. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice and the procedure, which can be carried out by a veterinarian, vet tech, or animal control officer, takes only a few minutes and lasts a lifetime.



WINTER BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION

OPEN OCT

28TH THROUGH

NOV 8TH

AGES 5-15

**REGISTER
HERE**

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/CCSPORTSREG](https://bit.ly/ccsportsreg)





LIVE MUSIC
• FREE ADMISSION •
9:00 AM - 1:00PM

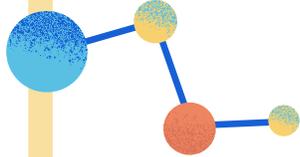
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REED CREEK
NATURE PARK

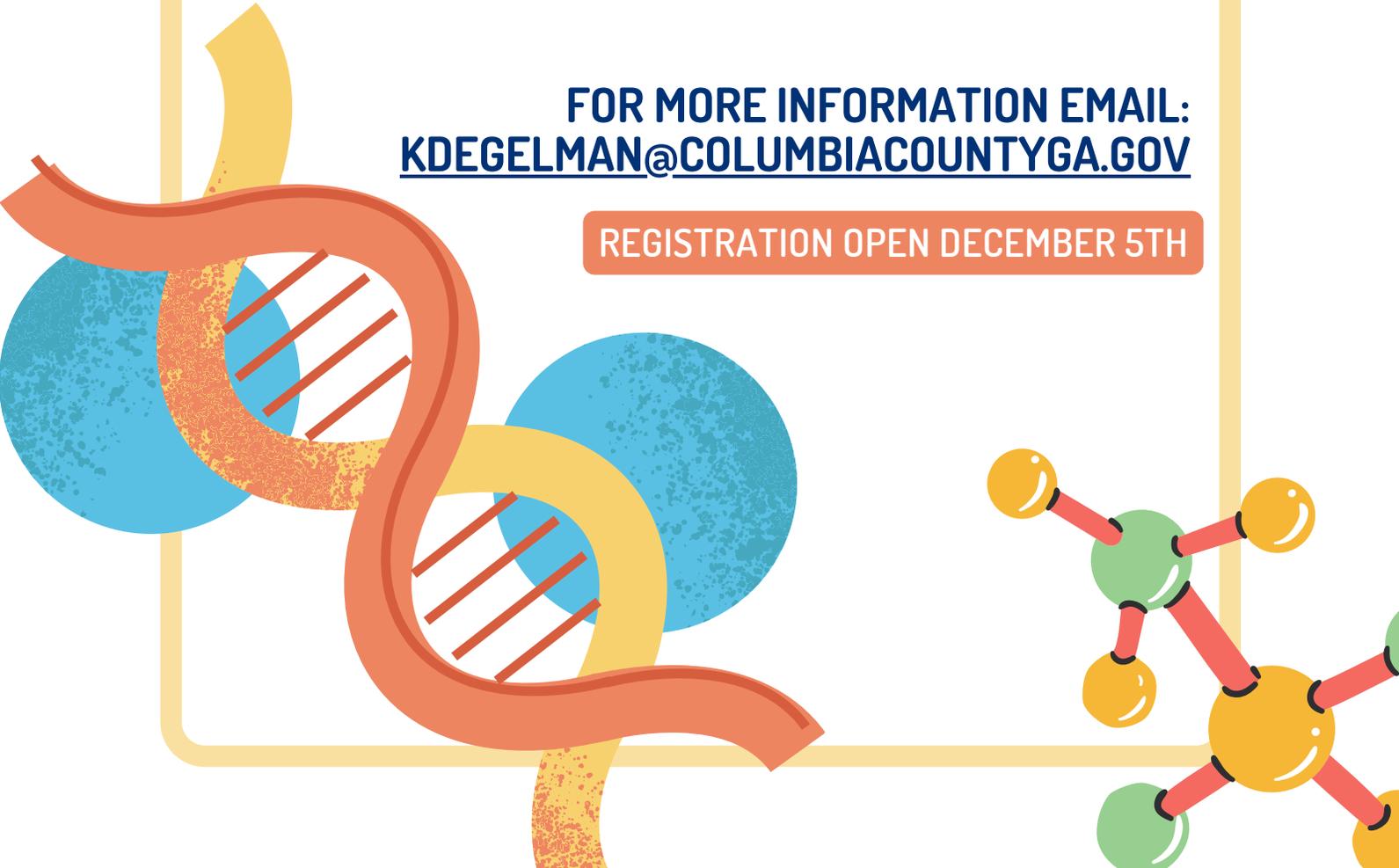
HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR



JANUARY 30TH

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REGISTRATION OPEN DECEMBER 5TH





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REED CREEK NATURE PARK

**NOV
5** **NATURE GAME NIGHT**
10 AM - 5 PM

**NOV
6, 13, 20, 27** **LIL WADERS**
11 AM - 12 PM

**NOV
19** **THE WILD PAGES: BOOK CLUB**
6 PM





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REED CREEK NATURE PARK

**DEC
3** **NATURE GAME NIGHT**
10 AM - 5 PM

**DEC
4, 11, 18** **LIL WADERS**
11 AM - 12 PM

**DEC
17** **THE WILD PAGES: BOOK CLUB**
6 PM

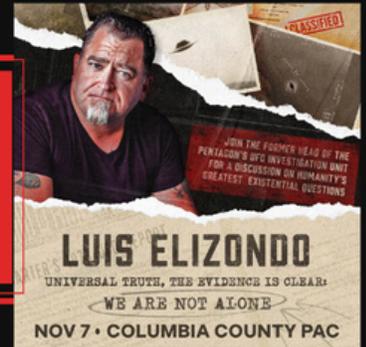


COLUMBIA COUNTY
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUIS ELIZONDO

NOV
7



NOV
12

BLACK VIOLIN

KANSAS

NOV
15



NOV
16

DARYL HALL WITH
HOWARD JONES

THE FAB FOUR:
USA MEETS THE BEATLES

NOV
23



DEC
2

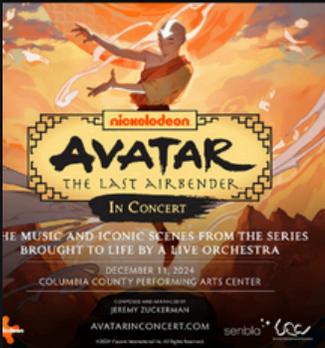
HADESTOWN

For more info & to purchase tickets
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AUGUSTA BALLET'S THE
NUTCRACKER

DEC
6



DEC
11

AVATAR: THE LAST
AIRBENDER CONCERT



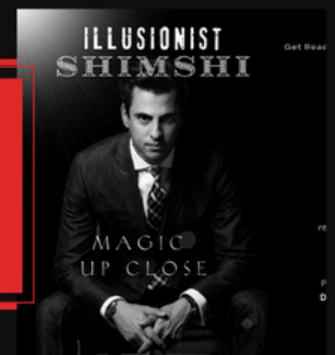
LINDSEY STIRLING

DEC
14



DEC
18

POSTMODERN JUKEBOX



SHIMSHI ILLUSIONIST:
MAGIC UP CLOSE

DEC
21

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November & December

HOLIDAY EVENTS

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2

Evans Market, 9AM-1PM
The Market Pavilion

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 9

Evans Market, 9AM-1PM
The Market Pavilion

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 16

Evans Market, 9AM-1PM
The Market Pavilion

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 23

Ugly Christmas Sweater Family Fun Night,
6PM- 9PM, Evans Towne Center Park

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 5

Christmas in Columbia County
4PM-9PM, Evans Towne Center Park

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 6

Christmas Screen On The Green
6PM-9PM, The Plaza

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 13

Sip-N-Shop, 4PM-9PM
Evans Towne Center Park

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 23RD-
JANUARY 5

Christmas Lights in Evans Towne
Center Park, 5:30PM- 10PM



Experience
CLUB

Christmas Brunch

Performing Arts Center

December 10th | 11AM - 1PM

Chunky Blanket Class

Columbia County Exhibition Center

November 7th | 2 - 4PM

Senior
CENTER

Christmas Social

Columbia County Exhibition Center

December 12th | 6 - 9PM





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please join us during your holidays. Our lights come on November 23rd with the exception of our Christmas Tree. That will be turned on at our Christmas in Columbia County Event at Evans Towne Center Park.

DECEMBER 5TH

Market starts at 4:00 PM
Tree Lighting starts at 6:15 PM

Music / Festive food /
Shopping / Crafts /
Pictures with Santa



COLUMBIA COUNTY *libraries*

EVANS | GROVETOWN | HARLEM

There are a variety of activities and events offered at the Columbia County Library including crafts, book clubs, and so much more!

full calendar: gchrl.org

Experience **CLUB**



The Experience Club is an active and fun group of women and men alike, all who are over 50. This group meets for a book club each month, and also participates in a "hobby" activity monthly, which includes things like crafts, painting, cooking classes, wine tastings, and MORE! To learn more about the Experience Club, visit bit.ly/ExperienceInfo

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Exhibition Center



NOW BOOKING

2025