

NEWS BRIEFS

SC CMA to Offer Free NxLevel Session for Entrepreneurs

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs will host a free informational session for entrepreneurs who want to reach the next level of success on Thursday, November 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Florence-Darlington Technical College, 2715 W. Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501 (7000 Building, room 7104).

The informational workshop will introduce prospective business owners to the NxLevel Small Business Training course, a 12-week course designed to teach entrepreneurs about a variety of topics including business planning, marketing assistance, financial resources, accounting, e-commerce, website development and more.

Attendees will learn more about the NxLevel program and how to register for the nationally-recognized course that addresses the many questions business owners have when starting a business.

To register for the informational session, visit <https://nxlevelflorence2019.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, contact Cynthia Haddad at 803-995-8553 or email chaddad@cfma.sc.gov.

MTC Quick-Start Day: Apply to MTC for Free

Midlands Technical College is now accepting applicants for the Spring Semester and is inviting all prospective students to learn about academic and career programs, see what financial aid options might be available, and apply to the college for free.

Whether a student's goals are to transfer to a four-year university or take courses that lead to a great career, MTC offers a high-quality, affordable, and accredited education. With six campuses, day and night classes, and online learning, MTC makes getting a college education convenient.

At MTC Quick-Start Day, prospective students can: Apply to MTC for free (\$35 application waived); Learn about financial aid including LIFE scholarships, Lottery Tuition Assistance, and veterans educational benefits; See if they qualify to exempt the MTC placement test; Schedule an advisement appointment (for those who complete the application and placement-testing process); Meet with an Admissions Counselor, complete placement testing (if needed), and receive an admissions decision.

Make plans to attend MTC Quick-Start Day on Saturday, October 26, from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the MTC Beltline Campus Student Center, and see how easy it is to become an MTC student this Spring Semester. Register at MIDLANDSTECH.EDU/quickstart.

City of Columbia's 41st Annual Veterans Day Parade

The City of Columbia's 41st Annual Veterans Day Parade will be held, Monday, November 11, the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department announced.

The Veterans Day Parade, known as one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day parades, will begin at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Sumter and Laurel streets, and travel southbound on Sumter Street ending at Pendleton Street near the State House. This year's grand marshals will be representatives from the Great American Defense Community.

The Veterans Day Parade is sponsored by the City of Columbia and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina, WIS, USC and Cocky, Chamber of Commerce, Fort Jackson, Year of the Veteran Truck and USO.








For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

Volunteer with Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR)

Volunteer with the St. Bernard Project on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. 25 volunteers are needed to with COR as we aim to rebuild and repair homes that have been damaged due to natural disasters. Currently, they are working on homes that were damaged by Hurricane Joaquin in 2015. These families have been displaced or living in non-ideal conditions for 4 years.

You do not have to be handy or have skill in this area; they have experts on site to help guide us in the process. Get hands on as we help one of our neighbors at 1100 Rockyknoll Drive, Columbia, SC 29203. Check out <http://sbpusa.org/> for more information!

SC BLACK NEWS

THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30
						
Mostly Sunny	Cloudy	PM Showers	Scattered Thunderstorms	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Showers
75° 57°	77° 59°	78° 66°	82° 65°	80° 62°	77° 63°	74° 61°

Weather Channel owner Byron Allen wants to highlight climate change's impact on Black communities

By NATASHA S. ALFORD
The Grio

When Entertainment Studios chief Byron Allen purchased The Weather Channel for \$300 million in 2017, he made headlines and became the first African American to own a general market cable network.

But beyond the significance of his business acquisition, Allen says he hopes his high profile investment will generate another important conversation.

“As an African American man hopefully I’m bringing more attention to climate and environment,” Allen told theGrio in an exclusive interview in Los Angeles.

“Because so many African-American neighborhoods are in bad environmental places, where it’s causing us to get sick and die earlier than



A woman is carried out after being trapped in her home in Orleans parish during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

most.”

Experts have long predicted that climate change will disproportionately impact low-income communities, leaving African Americans and other communities of color on the front lines, as seen during Hurricane Katrina.

Activists have highlighted polluted water in Flint, Mich., (which

is still replacing water service lines) and “Cancer Alley” in Louisiana, as other examples of the ways environmental injustice creates numerous casualties in Black communities. One report even found that African Americans in Los Angeles are nearly twice as likely to die as other residents during heat waves. Allen says despite

climate change deniers, scientists at The Weather Channel are clear on one thing.

“We have close to 400 people who work for us at The Weather Channel, a lot of very smart scientists,” Allen told theGrio.

“I asked them in a room, probably about 20 of them, ‘Climate change is this something that’s

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DEMONSTRATIONS FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES SCHEDULED

The municipal election on November 5, 2019 will be the first time that the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration Office will use the new voting machines. The City of Columbia wants to ensure that all citizens are aware of the new voting process and have the information needed to cast a vote.

A public education campaign has been launched by the City Clerk's Office and the Public Relations, Media and Marketing Department. City officials and city staff are working with the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration Office to educate constituents before the November 5 municipal election is held.

Representatives from the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration Office will conduct demonstrations of the new voting machines. The following demonstrations have been scheduled to give citizens the opportunity to see and use the new voting machines:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
FRANCIS BURNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
5616 FARROW ROAD
11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
EAU CLAIRE PRINT BUILDING,
3907 ENSOR AVENUE,
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
WOODLANDS PARK,
6500 OLDE KNIGHT PARKWAY,
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
SODA CITY MARKET ON MAIN STREET,
HOSTED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019
FRANCIS BURNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
5616 FARROW ROAD,
1:00 P.M.

For voter inquiries, please contact the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration Office at (803)576-2240.

For questions regarding the City of Columbia Municipal Election please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803)545.3045 or visit www.columbiasc.gov/elections.