



Seth Rose



County Council District #5 CONSTITUENT UPDATE

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Seth Rose moves up 14 spots this year

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Over the past half-decade, Richland County Council seems to have gotten steadily more dysfunctional — but Councilman Seth Rose is always pushing against the tide. He essentially shamed his fellow council members into ending the practice of voice voting (which used to sometimes make it impossible to know how a given council member had voted); more recently, he's been one of the few voices on Council calling for the county to actually fix the penny tax program instead of being angry at the Department of Revenue for investigating it.

* above text comes from *Free Times*

Inmate drop-off policy overhauled

In late April, the ad hoc Jail Committee I chair approved a pilot program to give inmates a day pass on the COMET bus system to get them back home when they're released.

Previously, about 54 inmates a week, who couldn't get a ride from family or friends, would be dropped off at the Sumter Street transit station, a source of deep concern for downtown residents and businesses.

The program will cost less than \$5000, but it will save Richland County money when the costs of labor, gas and wear and tear on county vehicles is factored.

Historic hangar plans advance

With County Council approval, Hunter Gatherer Brewery will move forward with plans to open a second location in the Curtiss-Wright Hangar at the Owens-Hamilton Airport. The project will breathe new life into the building and restore and preserve this historic hangar, once used by Amelia Earhart and one of only 8 on the National Register of Historic Places.



Jobs, big investment comes to County

In late May, the world's leading manufacturer of fiberglass announced it will invest \$300 million to build a plant in Lower Richland, which will create more than 400 new jobs.

One of the largest economic development projects in Richland County's history, China Jushi will build its first-ever American manufacturing center in the Pineview Industrial Park near Shop Road. Construction on the facility is expected to begin late this year.



Voted against raising property taxes



In June, I was one of only two council members who voted against approving the total FY 2016-17 Richland County budget because it raised property taxes. This marks the 5th consecutive year, I have voted against increasing property taxes.

"A historic day for our community"



New Library Branch Approved

I am pleased to announce a new Richland Library branch will open by Summer 2018 in the now-vacant Dollar General store at the corner of Oak Street and Elmwood Avenue in the Greater Edgewood neighborhood.

After 45 years without a nearby library, I worked closely with the Richland Library, County Council, the Columbia Housing Authority, and neighborhood leaders to address this clear need.

This state-of-the-art facility will open new opportunities for children who have not had a library branch within walking distance for nearly half a century. I am thrilled this historic achievement has been approved and I appreciate how all our community partners were able to come together to make this happen.

It's an honor to be your voice and represent you on Richland County Council. On this postcard, I have provided an update on some important items and issues affecting Richland County and my constituents.

On a personal level, our family is also proud to share the news that we are expecting our 3rd child to arrive in October, and we're happy to announce our two sons will soon have a little sister.

As always, if you ever need my assistance or help, don't hesitate to visit my web site at www.SethRose.com or call me on my cell phone at 361.2360.

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Seth, Luke, Anna and Cole cut the cake to discover a daughter is on the way to the family.

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