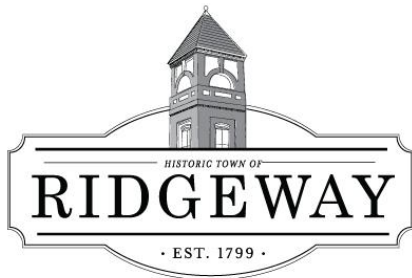


Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

For the Love of Ridgeway!

Why do people love their towns and cities? This question has been posed by elected officials, city managers, businesses, and community members alike. Resoundly the response has been a favorite eatery, a retail store, a festival, history, the arts, and community relationships. I believe that this is what makes Ridgeway special as well. For a Town our size consisting of 360 citizens, we are blessed with several unique restaurants, entrepreneurial businesses, events and great relationships which are evident in participation in the work of the town.

Recently, citizens have come together to express their desires and concerns about various aspects of Ridgeway. Council is pleased with our involved citizenry as it is the very tenet that will keep the Town of Ridgeway and community vibrant for years to come. "Thank you for loving your town!"

Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC)

The legislative agenda for the MASC for 2015 in which Ridgeway is a member is as follows:

- Clear blight – Encourage and support the passage of the Dilapidated Buildings Act that gives cities and towns a tool to partner with the private sector to clear blighted structures.
- Open government – Encourage and support the passage of a bill that requires agendas for every city and town council meeting and allows amending the agenda according to the local government's rules of procedure.
- Fund services – Support consistent and fair funding of the Local Government Fund as the stable revenue source it was originally intended to be for cities and towns.
- Increase efficiency – Support a bill that allows city and town councils to provide more efficient services through the annexation of small areas completely surrounded by the city.
- Fix roads – Support legislation that provides stable, long-range funding for the repair and maintenance of existing roads and that ensures these funds are used efficiently and effectively.

Proposed Town Meeting Agenda Items for March 12, 2015

Agenda items may vary because of timing and availability of information. Official agendas are posted at Town Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- Norfolk Southern Railroad Lease
- Fairfield County Recreation Plan for District #1
- Economic Development – Hospitality Tax
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure Plans

Ridgeway Salutes You

Congratulations and thanks to...

- Historical Cultural Committee, visiting musicians, author and historians for their work regarding Fairfield Remembers Sherman, February 21, 1845 and 2015.
- Tresean McDuffie, Geiger Elementary School, runner up in the South Carolina Junior Beta Club Math Contest Division 1.

Extreme Weather Damage

Hopefully, all our citizens were warm and safe during the extreme weather conditions in February. We regret that some experienced damage to homes and vehicles from fallen trees and limbs. The Town and SCDOT is working to clear areas of debris that are our responsibility. Please make sure you have done so in the surrounding areas near and on your property. Let's keep our community safe and clean for all who live, work, and visit.

Remodeling or Building in Ridgeway

Just a reminder that if you own a business or home and are remodeling or building an addition, you will need a Certificate of Compliance. This form must be signed by the Town Zoning Administrator, Patty Cookendorfer, (803) 528-8960. This is the same form needed from Ridgeway if a Fairfield County Building Permit is required.

Calendar of Events:

March 3, 2015	Fairfield Arts Council Meeting, Town Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 4, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Dept Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 5, 2015	Fairfield Arts Evening of Painting, Over the Top	6-8 p.m.
March 6, 2015	First Friday, Downtown Ridgeway	5-9 p.m.
March 11, 2015	Merchants Meeting, Town Hall	5:30 p.m.
March 12, 2015	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 19, 2015	Royal Greens Grand Opening	10:00 a.m.
March 19, 2015	Fairfield Arts Easter Bonnet Workshop, Town Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2015	Ridgeway Reads, Embleton Home	10:30 a.m.