

# Ridge Notes

## Ridgeway, South Carolina



## Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

### **A Clean Sweep for Spring! Earth Day April 22, 2015**

The physical appearance of a town is marked by the cleanliness and care of streets, sidewalks, public buildings and private businesses and residences. We always want to have great curb appeal for those who visit our Town and those who choose to live here. We only have one chance to make a first, good impression. Spring is here and it is time to do some cleaning in the Town of Ridgeway. Town employees as well as volunteers from the community such as the Church of The Latter Day Saints will be cleaning up Ridgeway on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

We are asking all citizens to do your part by honoring all town ordinances regarding tall grass, limbs, rodents, and litter. Owners of abandoned and dilapidated houses should repair or demolish them. Animals should be kept within a closed area and on a leash and their by-products picked up when walking through the downtown area. Help us to make Ridgeway one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in South Carolina and responsible keepers of our good earth.

### **Community Garden**

Citizens who may be interested in helping create a Community Garden, please contact Councilman Heath Cookendorfer at 803-381-6881.

### **Easter Promenade and Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, 2015**

The merchants of Ridgeway will host their annual Easter Promenade, Egg Hunt and carriage rides on Saturday, April 4, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Ridgeway. For more details call Tina Johnson, Chair of the Merchants Association at 803-337-2427.

### **Arts on the Ridge May 1-2, 2015 Opening Doors to Art and History**

The Ninth Annual Arts on the Ridge, Opening Doors to Art and History, will be held Friday, May 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m. for persons to view and vote in the People's Choice Awards, and Saturday, May 2, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for recognition and celebration of our artists and their talents in the field of the visual, performing and literary arts. Also this year, citizens and community members will share a history of our Town from the perspective of wars, historic buildings, churches and homes.

May 1, 2015 will offer visitors, artists and citizens the opportunity to also shop and dine in downtown Ridgeway as merchants will be open late. May 2, 2015 will feature arts and crafts vendors, visual art for sale, music, bands and dramatic performances. If you would like to participate as an artist, vendor, volunteer or patron, please contact Arts on the Ridge Chair, Phyllis Gutierrez, at 803-337-8675.

## Proposed Town Meeting Agenda Items for April 9, 2015

Agenda items may vary because of timing and availability of information. An official agenda is posted at Town Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- Norfolk Southern Railroad Lease
- Economic Development – Hospitality Tax
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure Proposal
- Ridgeway Police Department

### Entrepreneur of the Year 2015-2016

The Town of Ridgeway in appreciation for the businesses in our community give our citizens an opportunity to nominate an Entrepreneur of the Year. Carol Allen of the Thomas Company Store/Laura's Tea Room, Tina Johnson of Over the Top Emporium, Denise Jones & Jennie Price of The Cotton Yard Market and R.H. Lee and Sons have been recipients of this award. Now is the month to nominate another outstanding business by completing the form included in the newsletter noting the qualifications for nominations and returning the information to Town Hall by April 24, 2015.

### Ridgeway Salutes You!

Congratulations and thanks to....

- Donald Prioleau, recipient of the 100 Men in Black and White award honoring male contributions to Fairfield County. Dr. Roger Gaddy, David Brown, and Kamau Marcharia were also recognized as well as other notable county residents.
- Royal Greens for a grand opening on March 19, 2015. We wish you much success.
- Phyllis Gutierrez, Arts on the Ridge Chair, for a fun and creative Easter Bonnet Decorating class.
- The Church of the Latter Day Saints of Centerville under the leadership of Stanley Branham, who will give their time for a cleanup in Ridgeway. This marks the fifth year of their volunteer service for the Town of Ridgeway.
- Fairfield Arts Council, Virginia Lacy and Phyllis Gutierrez for hosting a painting class at Over the Top.
- Sergio Hudson for the Fashion Show held in Columbia on Friday, March 20, 2015 in which his designs were featured.

### Calendar of Events:

April, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Dept. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 3, 2015	First Friday in Ridgeway	5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
April 4, 2015	Easter Promenade & Egg Hunt Downtown Ridgeway, Century House	9:00 a.m.
April 5, 2015	Easter	
April 7, 2015	Fairfield County Arts Council, Century House	
April 8, 2015	Merchants Meeting, Century House	5:30 p.m.
April 9, 2015	Town Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April 10, 2015	Miss Geiger Pageant – Geiger Elementary	6:30 p.m.
April 18, 2015	Ridgeway Reads – Embleton House	10:30 a.m.
April 24, 2015	Nomination for Entrepreneur of the Year – due at Town Hall	