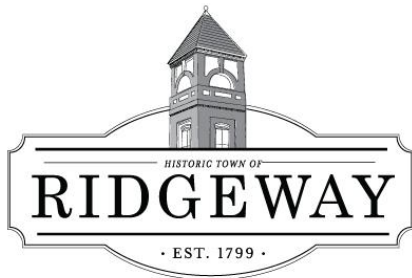


Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

6:00 PM Gathering at the Flag Pole.

Parade for the Veterans.

Program following parade at Laura's Tea Room with Reception for the Veterans.

Join us in Ridgeway for our Patriotic First Friday Night on July 3, 2015.

Movie in the Cotton Yard at Dusk.

Sponsored By:
Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Norris

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Big Grab gearing up for September Country Cronicle

The Big Grab yard sale through Blythewood, Ridgeway, and Winnsboro is fast approaching.

The 43-mile event, always held on the weekend after Labor Day, will be Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept 12.

This year, coordinators are looking for people with property along US 21, SC 34, and US 321 that are interested in renting spaces to vendors. Please call the Blythewood Visitor Center at (803) 550-9323.

Folks will be asked to complete a space rental information form that will be posted on the website and Facebook, so vendors looking for space to set up and sell their wares may contact those who have space to rent.

This could be a great fundraiser for churches along the route, property owners and businesses.

If you want to host a yard sale, sidewalk sale or special discounts in your business and are located on or close to the Big Grab route, let us know so you can be included in the free listing of set-up sites.

For more information, call the Blythewood Visitor Center at (803)550-9323, The Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce at (803) 635-4242 or Ridgeway Town Hall at (803) 337-2213.

Citizen of the Year 2015-2016

Each year the Town of Ridgeway salutes a Citizen of the Year, nominated by community members and selected by the Public Relations Committee. The Citizen of the Year is one who meets the following criteria: 18 years of age or older, living or working in the Ridgeway Community for at least two years, a law abiding and well respected individual and completed service which is a benefit to the Ridgeway Community. Those members of our community who have previously been selected are the late Roy Hudson, Tom Connor, Donald Prioleau, Dan Ruff, Jamie Webb, Virginia Lacy, Phyllis Gutierrez, and Nelson Lacy. Forms are available at Town Hall and need to be completed and returned to Town Hall by Friday, July 24, 2015. Thank you for your time to honor a citizen in our community who has made a difference.

Ridgeway Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.)

- Thanks to the Salkehatchie group under the leadership of Jeremy Grainger who worked on several houses in the Ridgeway area in June.
- Thank you to Tomorrow's Not Promised group for their walk in Ridgeway.
- Thanks also to the Ridgeway Merchants and Town of Ridgeway who supported the Ag and Art Tour in Fairfield County and the Patriotic First Friday.
- Thank you to the Nicholson family who donated telephone books and the telephone operator's desk that is housed in our Ridgeway Museum.
- Kudos to the Norris family for sponsorship of Movies in the Yard.

Calendar of Events

July 3, 2015	Patriotic First Friday, 6:00 pm
July 4, 2015	Independence Day
July 7, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Department Meeting, 7:00 pm
July 8, 2015	Merchants Meeting, 5:30 pm
July 9, 2015	Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm
July 20, 2015	Ridgeway Reads, 10:30 am

**Town of Ridgeway
2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is produced from town wells and purchased from the Town of Winnsboro. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the town office at 337-2213. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of each month at town office center. Our Source Water Assessment Plan is available for your review at www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Water/SourceWaterProtection/. If you do not have internet access, please contact the town office at 337-2213 to make arrangements to review this document.

The Town of Ridgeway routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31, 2014. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Ridgeway is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The Stage 2 DBP rule builds upon earlier rules that addressed disinfection byproducts to improve your drinking water quality and provide additional public health protection from disinfection byproducts. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants-Town of Ridgeway						
Fluoride	No	0.41	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	0.29	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Lead and Copper – Town of Ridgeway						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	90 th percentile	Unit Measurement	Action Level	Sites over action level	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	No	0.03	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	No	3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectants and DBPs-Town of Ridgeway						
Haloacetic acids (HAAs)	No	RAA 31 Range 16.42-41.67	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfectant
TTHM ³ [Total trihalomethanes]	No	RAA 31 Range 18.47-42.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine	No	HQA 1 Range 1-1	ppm	MRDL= 4	MRDLG = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants-Town of Winnsboro						
Fluoride	No	0.5	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	0.25	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits