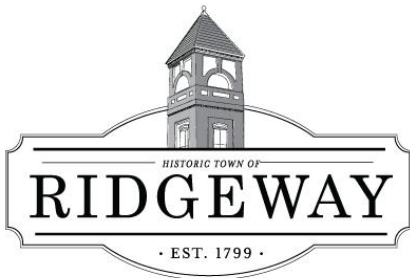


Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

School Days 2015-2016

Schools in our community open their doors and homes to students this month. School openings are as follows: Fairfield County Schools, August 17, 2015. STEM Institute, August 17, 2015, Richard Winn, August 12, 2015, and Home Schools, August 2015.

I offer five points to ponder from my perspective as a former student, teacher, principal, chief academic officer, and always a parent.

1. Students, make sure you are prepared for school each day with a good attitude, excellent behavior and an open mind that is ready to learn.
2. Parents, provide your school age children with guidelines for bedtime, eating, behavior and materials for being on task.
3. Teachers, continue to sharpen your skills so that you will be able to embrace and teach every student who enters your classroom.
4. Administration, lead with vision and purpose as you serve those assigned to your school and district.
5. Community, support your schools with praise and not criticism. Be there to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of the youth in Ridgeway. They are our future.

Ridgeway Reads

The Ridgeway Reads book club is hosting Salley McAden McInerey on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Century House. You may recognize Salley as a journalist and freelance writer. Her columns, feature stories, and news stories have won many awards for daily newspapers in South Carolina and Georgia.

The book club will be discussing her book, *Journey Proud*. Tom McLean, former Executive Editor of The State newspaper, wrote in the book cover, "Journey Proud spotlights the unsure footing of four young Southerners coming of age in the 1960's when cracks in the Jim Crow system were staring to show. Along with a wise servant, they are simultaneously bound together and pushed apart by rules written and unwritten." Darlene Embleton encourages everyone to read the book and plan to join us on August 15, 2015 here in Ridgeway. Also, please encourage anyone you know who might be interested to come join us for what will surely be a "lively" discussion.

The Big Grab – 43 Mile Yard Sale

Join us on September 11th & 12th (all day) for the 43 mile yard sale, offering great bargains in a unique event. Individuals and shop owners will be given the opportunity to participate in the 43 mile yard sale which will stretch from Blythewood through Ridgeway and into Winnsboro. Churches and organizations will be invited to use this as a fund raising event.

This event is sponsored by Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce and the Towns of Blythewood, Ridgeway, and Winnsboro. It will draw visitors to this area not only for bargains, but for lunch or dinner, overnight stays and other incidental purchases such as gas or snacks.

Community members and citizens in all three towns are invited to participate by setting up booths in their town along the route and of course shopping shopping, shopping. So start digging for more treasures and help us make this a great event.

For details call the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, 803-635-4242, Ridgeway Town Hall, 337-2213 and Blythewood Visitor's Center, 803-550-9323. The Town of Ridgeway will be renting spaces in the middle of the Cotton Yard to support the expense of insurance and bathroom facilities. Call today for information on the spaces available. Cost for a space – 2 days @ \$30 or \$20 per day.

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

- Thanks to Bethlehem Baptist Church and other churches who hosted the Back to School Prayer and Faith Walk on Sunday, July 26, 2015.
- Thank you also to artist Tom Risser who donated a piece of sculpture that adorns the outside Art Gallery created by Tina Johnson of Over the Top. Kudos to Dan Martin and Roger Herring for the installation of the art piece.
- As always thanks to Sieglenda Thomas for her contributions to our Ridgeway Museum. Recently, a book regarding Mayors was given by her.

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Please meet with your colleagues during the months of August and September to review and update the priorities on the Strategic Plan that apply to your area. Be prepared to report at the October 8, 2015 council meeting. If you cannot be present, please send a written report. If you have any questions or need assistance, call Town Hall 803-337-2213.

Calendar of Events

August 4, 2015	Fairfield County Arts Council, 6:00 pm	Century House
August 5, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Department Meeting, 7:00 pm	
August 7, 2015	First Friday, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Downtown Ridgeway
August 12, 2015	Merchants Meeting, 5:30 pm	Century House
August 13, 2015	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 pm	Century House
August 15, 2015	Ridgeway Reads, 10:30 am	Century House