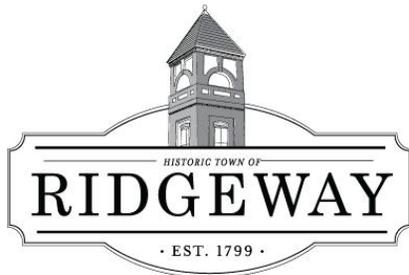


## Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



### Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

#### Citizen of the Year, 2015 Dwight Robertson

Dwight Robertson's service to the Ridgeway Community can be summoned up in three words, "Citizenship in Motion". Dwight's citizenship is characterized by movement, riding, cooking, standing and talking.

Dwight Robertson is a longtime member of the Ridgeway Community where he has lived with his immediate and extended family for over fifty plus years. He serves his community through volunteer work with Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Purity Lodge Shriners, Ridge Rider motorcyclists and the Town of Ridgeway. His Sunday School Class has served as a sponsor of the Martin Luther King Tribute at the high school for the past two years. As a lodge member, he has participated in the Ridgeway Christmas Parade and other special events. As a Ridge Rider motorcyclist, he has hosted Toy Runs for underprivileged children each year in December. Also, as a Ridge Rider he cooks bar be cue for Pig on the Ridge, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day for our community to enjoy. Citizens depend on his culinary skills for their holiday feasts. Working on town committees regarding recreation and special projects, he is always upbeat and positive. Everyone enjoys his sense of humor.

All of the above activities involve riding and cooking but in standing up and speaking out for his beliefs and his family's history may be his greatest service to our community. He participated in Front Porch Tales during Arts on the Ridge where he spoke about his family and growing up in Ridgeway. In sharing his family's history, the values of hard work, respect for others, caring for family and service to community were and are strong fibers of his being. The location of the Recreation Center for Ridgeway was a much discussed topic with varying views. Dwight presented his beliefs in a respectful manner and one that revealed his continued commitment to his community.

Dwight Robertson is an employee of Kahn Construction and travels the state working on various projects often being away for weeks at a time, returning home only on the weekends. Most people with such a full time job would say I do not have time to volunteer but not Dwight Robertson.

Zig Ziglar characterizes the service of Dwight Robertson best in his statement as follows: "You will get all you want in life if you help enough other people get what they want." Whether is collecting toys for children, sponsoring events, riding the ridge for a good cause, cooking for holidays or taking a stand and speaking out, Dwight Robertson is a Citizen in Motion for his Town of Ridgeway.

## **If Cities Mean Business then Ridgeway is En Business, Entrepreneurial Business**

### **Ridgeway Station Cafe**

Welcome to our newest business in town, The Ridgeway Station Café at 200 S. Dogwood Ave. The café owned and operated by Karen Siegling and Ashley Addison opened on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 serving breakfast and lunch from 7:00am – 3:00pm. The café will extend hours for First Fridays and special events in Ridgeway. Community members are invited to dine at the café where you are sure to see other locals enjoying the atmosphere and cuisine.

### **Bows and Ties**

Bows & Ties Dog Grooming is happily serving the Ridgeway community for your entire dog grooming needs. They do single services and full service dog grooming. Other popular services include: de-shedding, spa treatments, teeth brushing, and doggie daycare. Located at 714 US HWY 21, Ridgeway (behind PURE Gas Station), 803-381-5513.

### **The Barclay School**

The Town of Ridgeway also welcomes another school to our community, The Barclay School. The school will move from its current location at Columbia College to Magnolia Farm within the next few months. The school serves students in grades K-12 and specializes in meeting the needs of students who learn differently from others. If interested in learning more about the school contact Edith Bailey at 803-629-6318.

### **A Memorial Service**

Join Fairfield County Community of Churches in a memorial service for Mother Emanuel AME Church and the Charleston Nine on Sunday, September 6, 2015, 3:00 p.m. at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 207 Garden Street, Winnsboro, S.C.

### **Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Please meet with your colleagues during the month of August 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.

### **A Ridgeway Congratulations to...**

- Doug and Louise Ruff who placed nationally in the Cultural Communicators event.
- Carol Allen of Laura's Tea Room for receiving the Golden Spatula Award from Channel 19, WLTX, for excellent DHEC ratings.
- Robbie and Dan Martin for owning and operating two markets in the Town of Ridgeway, The Palmer Street Market and The Cotton Yard Market.

### **Calendar of Events**

September 2, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Department Meeting, 7:00 pm	
September 4, 2015	First Friday, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Downtown Ridgeway
September 6, 2015	Fairfield County Mother Emanuel and Charleston Nine Service	
September 7, 2015	Labor Day (office closed)	
September 8, 2015	Fairfield County Arts Council, 6:00 pm	Century House
September 9, 2015	Merchants Meeting, 5:30 pm	Century House
September 10, 2015	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 pm	Century House
September 11-12, 2015	BIG GRAB – all day!	
September 19, 2015	Ridgeway Reads, 10:30 am	