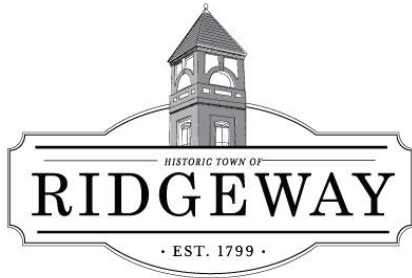


Ridge Notes

Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

2016 Citizen of the Year Darlene Embleton

There is no one in Ridgeway, South Carolina that personifies good public relations more than **Darlene Embleton, Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee**. Ms. Embleton moved to our community from Florida several years ago. Upon purchasing a house in Town, she immediately got involved in her new community, exemplifying an important characteristic of a good citizen.

Ms. Embleton, Darlene, accepted the role of Public Relations Chair and greatly enhanced the work of her Town by the following activities: **Website Postings, Ridgeway Reads, Pig on the Ridge, Big Grab, Arts on the Ridge, Fairfield County Arts Council, Easter Promenade, Ridgeway Christmas Parade, an Entrepreneurial Business, and a Cotton Yard Market Vendor**.

Up to date posting on the **Ridgeway Website** can be contributed to the timely work of Darlene. She posts the calendar, events and Mayor Moments on a regular basis with pictures and narratives. The **Ridgeway Reads**, a monthly book club, is hosted by Ms. Embleton in her home where she helps select and order books to be read. She also has supported many new writers in their endeavors to showcase their books. The **Pig on the Ridge Committee** welcomed her work as the vendor organizer for several years. Darlene also set up a vendor booth for herself in **The Big Grab**. Regarding **Arts on the Ridge**, she has created press releases for newspaper, radio and television as well as setting up the children's art exhibit. She participated in the **Easter Promenade** that hosted a hat decorating contest for the community. Darlene serves as the **secretary** of the **Fairfield Arts Council** and is an **artist** in her own right. She assisted the artists in our community to create an entry in the **Ridgeway Christmas Parade**. This year she was selected as a **Friend of the Arts** by the Art Council for her work. Ms. Embleton is also an **entrepreneur** establishing her own online book business with her son. In addition she is a **vendor** at the Cotton Yard Market in Ridgeway.

Darlene Embleton as Public Relations Chair has impacted the relationships in Ridgeway in a positive manner by her work and her volunteer engagement in every activity that the Town of Ridgeway supports. **Her hands and heart touch just about everything in Ridgeway**. She is most worthy of being named **Citizen of the Year**.

PARD Grant

The Town of Ridgeway was approved by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism for the construction of a new children's park to include playground equipment, landscaping, and prep work. The amount of the grant is \$80,250.00 with the town's match of \$16,050.00. Almost half of the matching funds have been contributed by the former Pulpwood Festival Committee and Ridgeway Community. Special thanks to Senator Creighton Coleman and Representative Mary Gail Douglas for their support for this grant as well as the Pulpwood Committee.

Downtown Improvements

Our gratitude to the Pig on the Ridge Committee for beautification of the area near the flag pole and monuments in Downtown Ridgeway. The benches from the old Ridgeway School sign and the landscaping invite visitors to sit awhile and enjoy the delights of our small town. The site is beautiful.

Boards, Commissions and Committee Meetings

Ridgeway Boards, Commission and Committees will be meeting during the month of September to review the Strategic Plan as related to each entity's responsibility. Your chair person should be contacting you with a proposed

meeting date to review accomplished action steps and set priorities for 2017. Chairpersons will submit a report to Town Council at the October 13, 2016 meeting at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Calendar of Events

September 5, 2016	Ridge Riders Bar Be Que Sale	
	Labor Day (office closed)	
September 6, 2016	Fairfield County Arts Council, Town Hall	6:00 pm
September 7, 2016	Fire Department	7:00 pm
September 7, 2016	Merchants Meeting, Town Hall	5:30 pm
September 8, 2016	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	6:30 pm
September 9-10, 2016	Big Grab – Blythewood, Ridgeway, Winnsboro	
September 17, 2016	Ridgeway Reads, Embleton Home	10:30 am
September 24, 2016	Olde Town Hall Restaurant, Oyster Roast	5-9:00pm
	Reservations Required	



SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2016

85 MILES OF BARGAIN-HUNTING FUN...ALL DAY 'TIL DARK!

If you are a bargain-hunter, the weekend after Labor Day is your time to hunt! We'll have 85-miles of vendors offering everything under the sun at rock-bottom prices (and of course negotiations are expected!) The route this year goes from the intersection of I-26 and SC Hwy. 34 near Newberry, SC to the intersection of I-20 and US Hwy. 21 near Columbia, SC. Some locations will have many vendors at one site and some will be scattered one-at-a-time along the route. Contact Angela Harrison at 337-3921 for spaces available in Ridgeway.

