

Ridge Notes

Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

Priorities for 2016-2017

Town Council established priorities per the components of the Strategic Plan and committee input for the Town of Ridgeway for 2017-2018.

Organization

- Investigate expansion of town limits

Services – Utilities

- Create a plan for the extension of water lines for economic development and service to future citizens
- Go Green with the automation of meter reading and billing

Services – Safety, Police Department

- Secure funding to hire second police officer or some form of additional assistance
- Find funding for security cameras in Downtown Ridgeway

Economic Development

- Explore form based codes for mixed residential/commercial use of downtown
- Investigate possible developers for more business space downtown, lodging and home sites in the area
- Establish restroom facilities for tourists and visitors in Downtown Ridgeway

Historical Cultural

- Review preservation and restoration of historical buildings in Ridgeway such as Century House, Ridgeway School Teacherage, and Old Town Hall.
- Publish an oral pictorial book about Ridgeway

Public Relations

- Maximize the use of the new kiosk in the World's Smallest Police Station for merchants, tourists, and citizens

Community Actions

- Establish a community garden
- Have a Health / Help Day for the Ridgeway Community

Enforcement of Town Ordinances

Citizens in our Town of Ridgeway have repeatedly expressed concerns over the past year regarding unrestrained dogs, weeds and accumulation of debris on private property, storage of junked motor vehicles, and dilapidated houses. We need your assistance. Please review ordinances listed below on the Town website or pick up a copy at Town Hall to make sure you as a citizen are in compliance with our laws for the protection and safety of the quality of life we all enjoy in Ridgeway.

Laws will be consistently enforced beginning March, 2017. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Town Hall at 803-337-2213. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ordinance 2-1003	Prevention of Fire Hazards within the Town Limits (debris, trash, discarded furniture, equipment, etc.)
Ordinance 2-1007	Prohibition of the Running at Large of Dogs in the Town of Ridgeway
Ordinance 2-1008	Declaration of Unsightly Height of Weeds and Grass or Nuisance in the Town of Ridgeway
Ordinance 2-1009	The Storage of Junked Motor Vehicles
Ordinance 2-1010	Establishment of Rules and Regulations for Keeping Certain (Vicious) Animals in the Town of Ridgeway in Order to Protect the Public Safety, Health, and Welfare

Fairfield County Arts Council Saturday Painting Workshop Ages 6-12 for Students

A painting workshop for students, ages 6-12, will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9:30am – noon at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Registration forms can be picked up at The Gallery at Over the Top at 115 S. Palmer Street, Downtown Ridgeway. Deadline for applying is February 28, 2017.

Ridgeway Acts of Kindness

- Thanks to Lee Dixon and the Fairfield County Revitalization Committee who will seek grants and public and private funding to restore the old water tower on its current site.
- Our gratitude to Councilman Donald Prioleau, chairman of the Martin Luther King March and Prayer Service and the committee for their work to host this special event each year in Ridgeway at Town Hall and Lebanon Presbyterian Church.
- Kudos to citizen Dwight Robertson for his assistance with various capital improvement projects in the Town of Ridgeway.

Calendar of Events

February 1, 2017	Fire Department Meeting	7:00 pm
February 3, 2017	First Friday Downtown Ridgeway	5-9pm
February 7, 2017	Fairfield County Arts Council, Town Hall	6:00 pm
February 8, 2017	Merchants Meeting, Town Hall	5:30 pm
February 9, 2017	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	6:30 pm
February 19, 2017	Ridgeway Reads, Embleton Home	2:00 pm