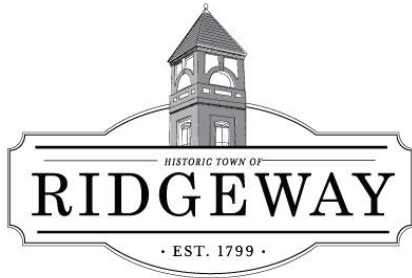


Ridge Notes

Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

School Choice August 2017

Public school, private school, parochial school, home school, charter school, and online school are all viable choices for students and parents this August 2017 as school begins. Our hope is that parents choose Fairfield County to educate their children. Starting dates for some schools are as follows:

Fairfield County School District (Geiger Elementary)	August 22, 2017
Richard Winn Academy	August 2017
STEMS Charter School	August 17, 2017
Barclay School	July 31, 2017



Big Grab September 8-9, 2017

Blythewood, Ridgeway, Winnsboro

Please join us on September 8 & 9 (all day) for the 85 mile yard sale, offering great bargains in a unique event. Businesses, individuals, churches, restaurants, hotels, gas stations and many others will greatly benefit.

This event is sponsored by the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce and Blythewood Chamber of Commerce. The event allows for the 85 Mile stretch to show off our great towns and counties, to attract visitors into the community creating an economic impact, and to bring community together.

The Cotton Yard area in the Town of Ridgeway will be open for vendor (antiques, collectibles) rental spaces. Contact Angela Harrison at 803-337-3921 for information regarding available spaces. (See additional information included in this mailing.)

**The Great American Solar Eclipse
August 21, 2017**

The Midlands including Ridgeway and Fairfield County will experience a solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017 at approximately 2:41 p.m. “A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth.” (Wikipedia)

Ridgeway residents are encouraged to follow safety rules in observing the event, check our solar eclipse at totaleclipsecolumbiasc.com on the internet and Fairfield County Museum for more information.

Local Recreation Opens Registration For Fall Sports

The Fairfield County Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Fall Sports including tackle football for 8-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds, flag football for 6-7 year olds and soccer for 4-7 year olds and 8-12 year olds. Registration fees have been lowered to \$20.00 per child! Registration will be held until Aug. 31 at the Fairfield County Recreation Center at 1851 US HWY 321 North in Winnsboro from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fairfield County Recreation coaches will also hold a FREE football camp on Thursday Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Drawdy Park in Winnsboro. For more information you can call 803-635-9114,

Fairfield Rec Dept. Set To Hold Inaugural Back To School Carnival

As we enter the month of August it is almost time for kids to go back to school. Join the Fairfield County Recreation Department on Saturday Aug. 19 at Drawdy Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for its inaugural Back to School Carnival. Activities will include bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, zumba demo, soul line dancing demo, football demo, soccer demo, DJ music, vendors, concessions as well as free hot dogs and drinks for kids. Carnival participants will be eligible for a FREE registration for soccer or football. Parents must be present and complete the registration form during the Back to School Carnival hours to receive the free registration. There will also be free registration available for adult programs including zumba, soul line dancing and group fit. Drawdy Park is located behind the Sheriff's Office at 702 Eighth Street in Winnsboro. For more information you can call 803-635-9114.

**Town of Ridgeway
Recognition**

Congratulations to the Town of Ridgeway for recognition at the recent Municipal Association of South Carolina 2017 Annual Meeting! The Town and citizens were saluted for the following: Hometown Economic Development Grant (\$25,000) – “Paint the Town Red with Revitalization” Restoration and revitalization of downtown and Ridgeway iconic structures to continue to attract visitors and increase revenue in the area.

Municipal Achievement Award – Population 1-1000 Town of Ridgeway “A Picture is Worth More Than a 1000 Words in Ridgeway” The Town was recognized for support of the Arts as a vehicle for stimulating the economy and collaboration with various art groups and town committees to improve the quality of life in the community.

Calendar of Events

August 1, 2017	Fairfield County Arts Council, Town Hall	6:00 pm
August 2, 2017	Fire Department Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
August 4, 2017	First Friday – Downtown Ridgeway	5:00-8:00 pm
August 10, 2017	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	6:30 pm
August 20, 2017	Ridgeway Reads, Embleton Home	2:00 pm
August 21, 2017	Great American Solar Eclipse	2:41 pm
September 4, 2017	Labor Day (office closed)	
September 8-9, 2017	Big Grab – Blythewood, Ridgeway, Winnsboro	