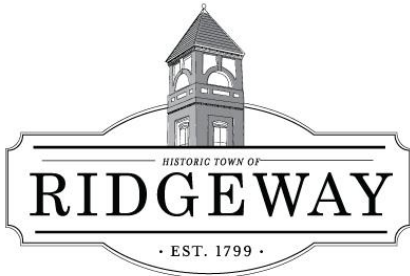


# Ridge Notes

## Ridgeway, South Carolina



### Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

#### Election Day in Ridgeway

April 3, 2018  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Old Fire Station

April 3, 2018 is Election Day in the Town of Ridgeway. Candidates for Mayor are Heath Cookendorfer and Angela Harrison. Candidates for two council seats are Roger Herring, Rick Johnson, Rufus Jones and Dan Martin.

As a citizen, it is your right and privilege to vote in Ridgeway if you are registered and live in the Town limits. March 5, 2018 is the deadline for registering. For those who will be absent on Election Day, you may contact the Fairfield County Board of Voters Registration in Winnsboro to request information about registering or an absentee ballot. The telephone number is 803-635-6255.

#### Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce Ridgeway Candidate Forum

The Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce will host a Ridgeway Candidate Forum on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This is an opportunity for the Ridgeway voters to hear the candidates speak about their qualifications and what they have done or will do to continue to make Ridgeway a great place to live and work.

#### Scenic Byway Designation Visit

Councilwoman Angela Harrison has been working diligently on the Scenic Byway Designation for Fairfield County which includes Ridgeway. There will be a visit from the state committee on March 27, 2018 as they travel the route and lunch in Town.

The Town of Ridgeway needs your assistance in preparing for the visit. Please help us mow, pick up litter and debris near your home or business along Hwy. 21 and Hwy. 34. The county and town will be attentive to these highways as well as the areas in the town limits. Help Ridgeway shine on March 27, 2018.

#### Arts on the Ridge Opening Doors to the Arts & the Beauty of Small Town Life

May 4-5, 2018

Arts on the Ridge will be held May 4-5, 2018 in the Town of Ridgeway. The committee chaired by Phyllis Gutierrez encourages artists to participate, citizens to volunteer and sponsors to support. Check out the Town website for information about the event in the upcoming weeks or call Phyllis Gutierrez at 803-337-8675.

#### Calendar of Events

March 2, 2018	First Friday in Downtown Ridgeway	5:30-9:00 p.m.
March 2, 2018	FCAC Art Show, Syderick Boyce, at The Loft at 115	6:00 p.m.
March 7, 2018	Fire Department Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 p.m.
March 8, 2018	Ridgeway Town Council Meeting – Town Hall	6:30 p.m.
March 10, 2018	Oyster Roast, Olde Town Hall Restaurant (call for tickets)	4:30 p.m.
March 15, 2018	Fairfield County Intergovernmental Meeting – Town Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 19, 2018	Ridgeway Reads, Home of Phyllis Gutierrez	6:00 p.m.
March 27, 2018	Scenic Byway Visit – Ridgeway	
March 29, 2018	Ridgeway Candidate Forum – Town Hall	6:00-8:00 p.m.

**A Message from our Police Department  
Chief Christopher L. Culp**

The Fairfield County Communications Division for the Ridgeway Police Department is a vital link between citizens needing police service and the police officers responding to calls for service. The purpose of the Communications Division is to collaborate with the community, the department, and other agencies to provide professional services that protect life, resolve problems and most of all, *Officer's safety*.

There are currently 12 Telecommunication Dispatcher positions with the primary function of working the police radio to dispatch public safety units to respond to emergency situations within the Town of Ridgeway

The Fairfield County Dispatchers have a variety of duties, including talking to police officers via radio, dispatching calls for service, tracking and logging police unit activity on the computer, and *officer's safety* as well.

Due to *officer's safety*, please do not call the Ridgeway Town Hall if you need law enforcement assistance. However, citizens needing an emergency police response from the Ridgeway Police Department may contact the Fairfield County Dispatch Center 24 hours a day by dialing 911.

If you need to report something to the police, but it does not require an emergency response and does not pose immediate threat to life, (803) 635-5511 is the published non-emergency telephone line. The non-emergency telephone line is staffed seven days a week, 24 hours a day for this purpose, or to help you if you have a question.

**God Bless Ridgeway**

Dear Ridgeway Community,

It has been a joy to serve as your Mayor for the past 12 years but in the words of a former educator it is now time to graduate. Thank you family, friends, citizens, business owners, churches, Town committees, Council and employees for your support through the years. **Together** we have accomplished much in keeping **Ridgeway** a vibrant community while honoring our history and culture.

In my final days, allow me to celebrate **our good works** in regard to **Revitalization, Responsibility and Relationship**, a recurring theme in **Ridgeway**.

**Ridgeway** has been **revitalized** through streetscape improvements, restoration of old buildings, attraction of downtown businesses, public relations materials, water upgrades and creating a Ridgeway Park. All of the above were made possible through over \$1,000,000 received in grant funds and the partnerships with the county and community. **Ridgeway** has been recognized at the State level as a recipient of awards for leadership, business growth, technology, historic preservation and the arts.

**Responsibility in Ridgeway** can be defined by the involvement and ownership of the Town by the Mayor, Council and citizens through the creation of a Strategic Plan, management of a fiscally sound budget, adoption of a town logo and slogan, and promotion of safety via community meetings and implementation of a Crisis Disaster Plan.

**Relationships** have been built and nurtured through the work of Town committees, events such as Pig on the Ridge, Arts on the Ridge, Ridgeway Reads, Holidays on the Ridge, the Big Grab, First Fridays, Back to School Prayer Walk and Unity Walk, awards such as Citizen of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year and the creation of the Ridgeway Museum. Relations have also been strengthened with other cities in the County, the Midlands and across South Carolina through meetings, joint projects and presentations. **Ridgeway** is known throughout the Carolinas as a progressive yet quaint southern town. Our population doubles each month as persons come to visit, shop, dine and tour.

It is my hope that as your Mayor I will be remembered for honoring God and loving the people of this community in word and deed. God bless you. **God Bless Ridgeway.**

Sincerely,

Mayor Charlene Herring