



# Mayor's Notes

## Ridgeway, South Carolina

May 2018

### Election

On April 3, 2018 Ridgeway held the election for mayor and two council seats. We would like to thank all the citizens who supported and voted for the candidates. One of the greatest privileges we have as citizens of the United States, is to vote – thank you all!

A big shout out to Charlene Herring, for her 12 years as Mayor. Charlene played a major part in ushering in the entrepreneur growth of our downtown business district among other things. Her diligence in seeking grants, provided more than \$500,000 for the Town of Ridgeway. Thank you, Charlene, for your perpetual service.

Also to Doug Porter, who served for two years in his most recent term on Town Council. Doug worked to improve the water system among other things; lending his insight and knowledge was fundamental to the success of this project. Thank you, Doug, for your persistence.

Give a warm welcome to our two new council members and mayor: Rufus Jones, Dan Martin and Heath Cookendorfer. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Martin were elected to four-year council seats and Mr. Cookendorfer was elected to the four-year seat as Mayor.

Again, thank you to the past and present candidates who have made the choice to serve the Town of Ridgeway.

### Water Tower

During a recent town council meeting, council awarded the contract of the new water tower to Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, LLC. RIA and CEC will accept this contract and work should begin within the next few months. Our new and improved water tower is coming soon!

### Storm

On April 15, 2018 at approximately 2:30 a tornado swept through Ridgeway spreading havoc on our town. Neighbors and friends came together to help those in need. Our small town, once again, supported each other, heading out in the storm to ensure all were safe. The storm was reported by our neighbors in Winnsboro. Winds reached 86 miles per hour downing many trees and powerlines. Some of our citizens in our town limits who were affected are: Charlie Robertson, on Highway 21, Don Hoover and his new tenant Rose Warth on North Palmer and Mrs. McGuirt on Peach Road. There were many other citizens affected by this storm. Please keep all those affected in your thoughts as they rebuild and repair from the devastation of this storm.

A special thank you to the first responders of the Fairfield Fire Department Station #7 as they responded in record time. We are lucky to have such a skilled team in our Town, always ready and willing to do what is necessary. When you see any member, please take a quick minute and say thank you for their diligence and hard work.

# Arts on the Ridge

*Opening Doors to the Arts & Beauty of Small Town Life*

Join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts on the Ridge “Opening Doors to the Arts & Beauty of Small Town Life”

## Art Show & Sale in Ridgeway, S.C.

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. People’s Choice Awards

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy our Literary Festival with 12 Published Authors

The Yarnbombing of Downtown Ridgeway

Artists & Craftsmen participating in an Open Category and including a

Juried Plein Air Painting and Juried Photography Show & Sale

A Children’s Interactive Art Area- Creating Wall Mural

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 ARTS ON THE RIDGE	5 ARTS ON THE RIDGE
6	7	8	9	10 Town Council Meeting 6:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day (office closed)	29	30	31		