

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray

Town Council Members Re-Elected

ELECTION RESULTS



After an extremely close local election, Councilwoman Vicky Shealy and Councilman Mike Clonts re-secured their seats on Chapin's Town Council. With Councilwoman Shealy filing her name formally on the ballot and Councilman Clonts running a write-in campaign, Shealy earned 44 votes in the election and Clonts earned 21 to retain their respective seats.

Councilwoman Shealy expressed her appreciation towards the people of Chapin for her re-election. "Thank you for your confidence in me. I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplish since I've been in my seat and I'm very excited for the future of our town," she said.

Councilman Clonts was quoted as saying, "I'm grateful for the support that was given to me by the people of Chapin who were willing to come out and vote in this election. I had not planned to run for re-election, but since I've been elected, I will gladly serve and I pray that I will serve to their honor"

Town Spotlight

IT'S OUR NEWEST OFFICER, JEFFREY THRUN

Town of Chapin's newest police officer, Officer Thrun, joined our police force last month and has already been making waves in Chapin. Officer Thrun is originally from Chicago, Illinois and moved to South Carolina in 2018. Officer Thrun has over 15 years of experience in law enforcement as well as several years as a paramedic. Since joining the Chapin PD, he's really taken to the town and done a great job. Thank you Officer Thrun!



Upcoming Events!

OLD TIMEY CHRISTMAS



The 3rd annual Old Timey Christmas, presented by Sozo Family Fitness, is right around the corner here in the Capital of Lake Murray and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate! We have assembled our hand-picked Christmas festival vendors, some delicious food and beverage options, and holiday entertainment that will fill each and every one of us with the holiday spirit and bring us back to childhood Christmas magic.

The place to be is Beaufort St. and Clark St. on Saturday, December 9th from 5pm until 8pm if you'd like to start the holiday season off with the wonderful people of Chapin. The streets will be decorated for the festivities, the lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place during the celebrations, and there will be activities for folks of all ages. If you can make it to downtown Chapin for our 3rd annual Old Timey Christmas, we're sure your heart will grow three sizes that day.

[RSVP FOR THE EVENT HERE!](#)

Town Council 11.21.23

1ST READING OF ZONING MORATORIUM

The Town of Chapin has enacted a temporary moratorium on the processing of zoning permits for new developments and substantial renovations, pending the hiring of a new zoning official.

The moratorium was set to help remove confusion from changing town ordinances as the new Unified Zoning and Development Ordinance nears completion with the UDO committee.

The moratorium will be in effect 120 days after its second reading and only pauses the processing of permit applications post 11.21.23. Any permit applications sent in before that time will be processed under the current ordinances.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



TOC the Rooster

THE STORY OF A VERY SPECIAL CHICKEN

I had originally written this as an introduction to our new friend at town hall. It will now serve as a full recitation of his life and a testament to the impact he had on all of us.

On a breezy Halloween evening, Chapin Town Hall received a visit from an unexpected guest, a lonely chicken strutting up the hill to our building. After he was rescued and briefly incarcerated in the police department, it became clear that this little fowl had no home to return to. It was decided that he would be released.



We soon began to see him more, meandering around the Town Hall property. He had taken a liking to our building and surrounding area, as well as the people who came and went. Every morning he would greet us at our cars, walk with us around the building, and would even eat out of our hands. He was dubbed TOC (Town of Chapin) and we're not sure if we rescued him, or if he rescued us.

On Monday, November 27th, the remains of TOC were found near the edge of the trail in the back of town hall. We miss him already.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
TOWN OF CHAPIN!**

**TOC
2023 - 2023**

Master Plan Survey

WE'D LOVE YOUR INPUT!

Town of Chapin is conducting a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the former school site adjacent to Chapin Town Hall. The 2021 Comprehensive Plan designates the future land use of the site as part of a Town Center that would serve as a focal point and gathering place for the Greater Chapin Community. As the residents of the Town of Chapin and dwellers of the greater Chapin area, we'd love your input as to what you'd like to see develop with the site.

[SURVEY AVAILABLE HERE!](#)



Old Town Hall and Mural

RIBBON CUTTING RECAP



Thursday, November 9th saw not one, but two huge dedications for the Town of Chapin. First, a ribbon cutting was held for the new mural, "Small Town Charm", produced in partnership with the Crooked Creek Art League and the Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce. After some words from Town Administrator Nicholle Burroughs, CCAL master artist Barbara Teusink and the mural's artist Nicki Peeples, Peeples was presented with a dedication from Mayor Al Koon and the ribbon was formally cut on the newest addition to the Chapin Arts Trail.



Directly after the event for the mural, everyone pivoted over to the historic Old Town Hall building on Lexington Ave. for its ribbon cutting and dedication. Thanks to a generous donation from Pat Lewandowski and support from the Chapin Historical Association, the building has been restored to full functionality. After some words were said by Lewandowski as well as CHA members JT Thomason and JJ Casey and Nicholle Burroughs, Mayor Al presented the dedication to the group and the ribbon was formally cut.

[MORE PICTURES HERE!](#)

Have a story for us?

IF YOU HAVE A STORY THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BENEFIT YOUR FELLOW CHAPINITE TO KNOW, PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO US FOR NEWSLETTER CONSIDERATION. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR COMMUNITY!

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