

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray

20 Years of Business in Chapin

PALMETTO FINE ARTS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSERY



A Chapin business has hit a substantial milestone this past month. Palmetto Fine Arts has had its doors open in Chapin since 2004 and it's still making waves in the Capital of Lake Murray. The Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Chapin decided to commemorate the milestone with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. Owner of Palmetto Fine Arts, T.C. Bowers, went on the Chamber Neighbors Podcast to talk with Daniel and Paul about his experience with the store as well as his time as a Chapin business owner for the past 20 years.

"We started this when I was 19", T.C. said when explaining the origins of Palmetto Fine Arts. "We had started working with a family friend when I was 14. As I was getting out of high school and starting college, an opportunity came up that I couldn't pass up. We let our friend retire, we moved our store to Virginia St. where it was for 17 of the years, and the rest is history. We've been working here in the town and we absolutely love it." T.C. also spoke to his love of supporting the local artists of Chapin, with over 40 artists featured in the store and some pieces you will not be able to find anywhere else.



Town Spotlight

IT'S JOHN WALSTON FROM PUBLIC WORKS!

John has been a member of our Public Works team for almost seven years and we simply couldn't do it all without him. John is originally from Danville, Virginia and his responsibilities with the town include general building and grounds maintenance of all Town of Chapin properties, event setup, landscaping duties for Beaufort Street/Clark Street business district, and assisting the Utilities Department with grounds maintenance on all Waste Water lift stations and customer property repairs

Upcoming Events!

CHAPIN'S DAY OF SERVICE



Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Join us on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 for a day to give back to the community that we all hold dear. Our volunteer groups will enjoy a complimentary community breakfast at Chapin town hall in the morning and will then pivot to their service projects where they will touch up parts of our wonderful little community so it can shine!

If you are an individual or are a part of a volunteer group that would like to participate in our Day of Service, please RSVP for our event there the Facebook event link [here](#) or reach out to Dylan Francis, our Communications Specialist, at his phone, (803) 345-2444, or email, communications@chapinisc.com! If you are a church or non-profit that is in need of help on a project and would like to schedule it for that day or if you are an individual or business that would like to help donate or supply tools and supplies for the day, please reach out to Dylan below as well.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

A New Code Enforcement Officer

JOHN PATTON JOINS CHAPIN TOWN HALL

John Patton has joined the Chapin Town Hall family as a member of our administrative staff! John is originally from Lugoff, South Carolina and currently resides in Prosperity. He served in the military for 10 years before getting his degree from Newberry College in 2017. John is coming from serving as the Code Enforcement Officer and Permit Technician at the City of Newberry. He will now serve the Town of Chapin under a very similar role, working with Planning and Zoning Administrator Reid Radtke. John is a competitive shooter in regional and national shooting matches and enjoys to travel in his off time. Say hi to John when you see him!



[ZONING PERMITS](#)

A Farewell (For Now) to Bart's Crazy Good Coffee in Chapin

SUSPENDED OPERATIONS

Last month, a Town of Chapin staple announced that it would be temporarily closing its doors. Bart's Crazy Good Coffee Shop on Columbia Avenue formally suspended its operations on Friday, March 15 amid circumstances that necessitated the motion. Bart expressed his sadness with having to say a temporary goodbye to the people of Chapin in a Facebook post where he delivered the bad news. "This is literally the hardest post I've had to make as the owner and operator of Bart's Crazy Good Coffee Company," the post reads.



"Due to two major factors that we have no control over, we have had to make incredibly hard decisions regarding the future of our Chapin shop. A decision we didn't settle on until the past day or two. The bottom line is that we will be suspending operations at our Chapin location in mid-March." In another post, Bart says, "While we can't possibly fully express it, we want every one of our customers to know how much we appreciate your support over the past three years!"

The Bart's Crazy Good Coffee location in Irmo is still open for business if you need your crazy good coffee fix. Bart also added that, "WE ARE COMMITTED to finding a way to re-open in Chapin! We do not want to be shutting down in Chapin to begin with! We LOVE our Chapin customers..!!!! We love being in Chapin!"

BART'S CRAZY GOOD COFFEE

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UDO GOES INTO AFFECT

As covered in last month's Town Council highlight, The past few months have seen the Town of Chapin has working on finalizing the Unified Development and Zoning Ordinance (UDO). The UDO had it's second reading during this past month's Town Council and has taken effect. The UDO is a consolidated document which contains all of the Town's land use and development requirements. A full draft is available at the link below!

UDO FULL DRAFT



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

APRIL 19, 2024 AT CHAPIN TOWN HALL



Returning once again on 2024 is the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Whitaker Funeral Home, here at Chapin Town Hall. The Breakfast will be on Friday, April 19, 2024 with food served at 7:30am and the event formally beginning at 8am. Last year we were able to bring back the event and enjoy a great morning for an inspirational program, meaningful prayer, and fellowship time. We are excited to bring this event back, once again, to connect to our community and devote time to our inner selves. This year our theme is Finding One's Footing and we are pleased to have a keynote speaker, Dr. Akil Ross, as well as members of our Chapin ministerial community who will offer prayers and scripture readings for our event. The Chapin High JROTC Color Guard and Curt London will be on hand to deliver spectacular performances. While we do anticipate a majority of Town Council will be attending this event, this will not be a council meeting and no business of the council will be discussed or acted upon.

LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

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!

LET'S CHAT!

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