

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Primary Election Results

INCUMBENTS HANG ON TO SEATS

Between the primary races for State House, US Congress, Lexington County Council, and the Lexington Sheriff, all of the incumbents have retained their status as party nominees going into the November general elections. Sheriff Jay Koon, and Rep. Joe Wilson won their party seats by a substantial margin whilst Rep. Jay Kilmartin and Councilwoman Charlene Wessinger managed to pull out late wins in the polls. Out of the roughly 180,000 registered voters in Lexington County, only around 30,000 ballots were cast in this primary.



Whilst many of the national seats won't be hashed out until the November general elections, many of those races will find themselves unopposed on the opposite party ticket, which, while it doesn't guarantee a victory in November, strongly favors the primary victors. It's always good to exercise your right to vote and, rest assured, we have heard your voices. We are working very closely with the elections office to host an early voting poll here at Chapin Town Hall for the general election. We aim to make it as easy as possible for our citizens to have their voices heard so stay tuned for updates regarding Town Hall for the general election!

FULL PRIMARY RESULTS



Town Spotlight

IT'S KAYLA FULMER! OUR UTILITIES CLERK!

Due to our current Utility Coordinator, Susan Wright, being temporarily out of the office, one of our utilities clerks, Kayla, has taken on the responsibilities of Utility Coordinator for the time being. She is originally from Little Mountain and currently lives in Chapin. She has 3 daughters that enjoy going camping and she also loves sunflowers, Johnny Cash, and Clemson football.

Upcoming Events!

LABOR DAY APPROACHES



Folks, it's that time of year again. It's Labor Day weekend in the Town of Chapin and that's essentially our Superbowl. This year's theme is "Chapin – New Frontiers" (Country/Western) and we're all ready to dust off our boots and saddle up this year, partners. The weekend kicks off with the Fidelis 5K on Saturday morning! You'll have access to many delicious food trucks and drink options over the weekend so there's no better place to get your steps in than this race. Latin Night on Beaufort St. follows that evening where you can enjoy authentic Venezuelan cuisine and blood-pumping Latin music!

Sunday Night sees the return of our Boots on Beaufort Concert headlined by Noel Lindler and the Bank Walkers and featuring some select vendors on Beaufort St. The very next morning come out to Chapin Road and see our famous Labor Day Parade, followed by our festival and car show in downtown Chapin. It's the perfect way to send off the summer and enjoy Chapin at its most exciting!

[RSVP HERE!](#)

We'll do a full preview in the next issue!

New Police Hire!

RYAN SMITH JOINS CPD

The Chapin Police Department just added a new member to their staff. Officer Ryan Smith joins Chapin PD and currently lives in Chapin with his wife and children. Officer Smith is originally from Detroit, Michigan and moved to South Carolina in 2010 after finishing up his service in the marine corps. Officer Smith served as a police officer in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina for 4 years prior to his time at our department and is currently being recertified to work with our Town. Officer Smith then moved to Newberry followed by, as of last July, moving to Chapin where his wife and her family are originally from. If you see him out and about, say hi!

[CHAPIN PD](#)



Chapin Goes Green

CHAPIN GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATION

The Chapin Garden club remains one of the oldest organizations in Chapin that are still in operation and they have worked generously with the Town for some time now in our shared goal of the beautification and natural enhancement of our community. This year, the National Wildlife Federation officially certified Chapin as a Community Wildlife Habitat. This past month's Town Council saw Mayor Al Koon present the Chapin Garden Club with a proclamation commemorating their work with our own Anthony Andrade and John Walston to make Chapin a Community Wildlife Habitat.



The official certification states that, "This community has taken exceptional action to preserve, enhance, restore, and connect wildlife habitat while also communicating the importance of habitat stewardship to the public. These efforts, made under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife program, contribute to establishing a network of thriving communities where people, wildlife, and plants can all flourish". Cindy Chin, Co-chair of the project, spoke to her pride towards the certification, "It is an honor and privilege to have Chapin certified and recognized by The National Wildlife Federation. Chapin is now the 161st Community Wildlife Habitat in the USA, the 14th in South Carolina, and the 1st Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in Lexington County. The garden club is proud to work collaboratively with citizens in the Chapin area to protect and provide a network of critical connecting habitat for our beautiful wildlife."

CHAPIN GARDEN CLUB

Town Council 6.18.24

UDO ALTERATIONS 2ND READING

Town Council held the 2nd reading of the alterations to the recently approved unified zoning and development ordinance. Most of the alterations were minor with some slight changes in language in the ordinance. There was a change in the fee structure for zoning permits and landscaping permits effective as of the Town Council meeting on the 18th of June. The updated permits as well as the soon-to-be-updated draft of the UDO can be found on our website at the link below.



TOWN OF CHAPIN ZONING

Off the Dock

RECAP

Another Summer reaches its peak and that means we got absolutely Off the Dock the other night. Though the day was lacking in coolness and abundant in sweat, nothing would stop us from enjoying the smooth sounds of The Blue Shades Band, wolfing down a food tray from one of the trucks, and chatting up our neighbors at their artisan vendor set up on Clark Street. A huge thank you to everyone who worked to make it possible, specifically our sponsors: Your Health, Baked by Alexandra, The Tippy Toad Tavern, Chapin Neighbors Magazine, and Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church. We truly could not do it without your assistance and generosity.

Thank you for everyone who came out and had a great time! We're going to do our best to do it even bigger and better next year!



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Chamber Breakfast Update

RECAP

Last month, The Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce held a partner breakfast here at Chapin Town Hall. The speaker for the breakfast was our own Town Administrator, Nicholle Burroughs, who gave an update on the current state of the Town of Chapin and the greater Chapin area.

The bulk of Nicholle's presentation was regarding the changing demographics in the Town of Chapin over the last few decades. South Carolina continues to be one of, if not THE, fastest growing states in the nation. Nicholle broke down the housing costs, income bracket shifts, and percentage of transplants that have come in to the 29036 zip code. She also discussed the town's annexation plans while dispelling the misinformation and addressing and questions with the process.

During the Q&A portion of the presentation, Nicholle answered questions regarding the recent development, water infrastructure, and the master plan and feasibility study.



A Search for Serenity

PEACE IN THE SUMMER

I know it doesn't initially sound very exciting but it is time to take a moment for yourself and unwind. I'm sure there's a lot going on and it's important to take moments of relaxation. If you have kids, impart on to them the delicate yet invaluable task of sitting in silence. You could wake up early and soak up the peaceful sounds of the birds chirping or head down to Lowe's Foods and grab the second cheapest bottle of wine to enjoy with a friend or partner. You could take a stroll or go for a jog down the trails of Crooked Creek Park or go for a solo-round of disc golf. Head out to the lake and watch the wind ripple over the water or perfect that low-and-slow pork shoulder with your kids.



When the sun starts to go down and the cooler night-time air starts to roll in, it's the perfect time to sit on the porch and gently rock in a chair. Take a deep breath as the faint glow of the fireflies draw your attention for split seconds in the distance. You better have a cold beverage in that hand and company in a chair opposite you or the summer night isn't at its fullest potential. That's what it's all about. Enjoy the little moments with the ones closest to you.

-Dylan

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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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