

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Chapin and the Blowfish

CHAPIN NIGHT RECAP



Last Friday, Mayor Al was taken out to the ball game with Chapin Night at the Lexington County Blowfish baseball game. Town of Chapin staff as well as our local citizens were invited to the Blowfish game against the Macon Bacon to celebrate Fan Night at the Lexington County Stadium. The Blowfish played a doubleheader, winning the first game and unfortunately falling short during the second contest. Mayor Koon was able to throw out a pitch from the mound along side Miss South Carolina Teen and other special guests. The night also doubled as Irish Heritage Night for the Blowfish and featured an Irish dance from performers at the Connick School of Irish Dancers. Mayor Koon expressed his appreciation towards those in

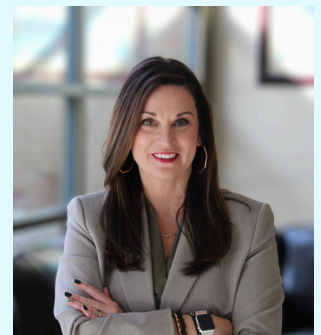
Chapin who were able to make it to the game and his excitement at once again being able to throw a pitch from the mound. "The Town of Chapin was very excited to come out and it was great to see everyone. We love the Blowfish and they are a great asset to our community! I can officially cross professional baseball player off of my bucket list". The Blowfish went on to make the playoffs for the Coastal Plain League Pettit Cup later that weekend.

MORE BLOWFISH NEWS

Town Spotlight

IT'S NICHOLLE! THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

This is perhaps long-overdue. Our Town Administrator, Nicholle Burroughs, is a perennial presence in the Town of Chapin and has been for some time. She has worked with the Town at some capacity for over 6 years and is a member of the Greater Chapin Community Foundation, the board of We Care, and a member of Chapin Rotary Sunrise, as well as having served on the board of the Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce. She somehow has time to make it all happen!



Upcoming Events!

LABOR DAY PREVIEW PT. I



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As promised in the last newsletter, the full Labor Day Preview is here! It's August and we know that means that Labor Day weekend will be here before we know it and The Town of Chapin is once again ready to celebrate our famous Labor Day festival! This year's theme is Chapin - New Frontiers (country/western) so dust off your cowboy hat and saddle up boys and girls because the elongated Labor Day celebration is right around the corner!

As some of you may know, Labor Day weekend really begins the weekend just before with our Restaurant Week, sponsored by Boland's Ace. We're doing things a little different this year with a brand new Restaurant Week raffle. To enter, you must bring a receipt from a local Chapin Restaurant listed on (tasteofchapin.com) of no less than \$5 dated between the days of August 24th, 2024-August 30th, 2024 to Chapin Town Hall. Each receipt will be an entry into the raffle and on Friday, August 30th at 4pm, we'll draw the winning ticket and see who wins the fabulous prize, courtesy of Boland's Ace!

Saturday morning, August 31st, sees the return of the Labor Day 5k, put on generously this year by Fidelis Family Retreat. That sign-up is available NOW through Strictly Running and all proceeds go towards helping veteran families so get up a little early on Saturday morning and get your steps in. Saturday night sees the return, once again, of Latin Night on Beaufort St. If you're looking for authentic Venezuelan food from the Arepa Chef food truck, Latin Music courtesy of David Rodriguez and the Latin Hustle, and all-night dancing, look no further than Latin Night on Beaufort St.

Sunday morning offers a breather for those who need it before getting right back to the festivities on Sunday Night. Our annual Boots on Beaufort country concert goes from 6pm-11pm with local openers Johnny Meetze and Griffin Schelbe and headliners Noel Lindler and the Bank Walkers, sponsored by the Mid Carolina Electric Co-op and Lowery Consulting. We'll also have a small amount of special vendors and food trucks so grab your chair and come out for a night of good country times!

Your Health in Chapin

RIBBON CUTTING



The 500 block of Lexington Avenue has a new neighbor that just formally cut their ribbon this past month. Your Health Primary Care has opened their Chapin location and you may be asking yourself, "What do they do, exactly?" The better question might be "What don't they do?" Your Health offers a comprehensive and specialized care model that extends beyond traditional primary care services to meet the healthcare needs of a wide variety of patients, including those with multiple chronic conditions and disabilities.

The primary care professionals of the Chapin office are Doctor Andy Donato and Chiropractor Josh Thorp. Dr. Donato has more than 30 years of experience in medicine and has been in the midlands with his family for even longer. Dr. Thorp has practiced chiropractic work all over the country and as settled here in South Carolina to provide for the Chapin community. Dr. Donato spoke to his excitement with the new office and what Your Health can provide for the community. "I'm Dr. Andy Donato, and along with my dedicated care team, I look forward to partnering with you to make Your Health a priority. I have been a member of the Chapin community with my wife Linda and two sons for almost 30 years, during which time I have provided healthcare in both the Emergency Department and Urgent Care settings. We are so excited to bring another primary care option to our community.....one that centers on the patient and their needs. Come visit us to see what we are all about and start your road to a healthier tomorrow.....today." he said.

YOUR HEALTH



Town Council 7.16.24

MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

Chapin Town Council featured a presentation of the Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the members. The Master Plan and Feasibility Study is an initiative that will mold the development of Chapin's roads, public spaces, and communities and designates the future land use of the former school site adjacent to Chapin Town Hall. The presentation included input from the public survey regarding what the people want to see in Chapin and council shared their excitement and notes with the future plan.

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

Upcoming Events!

LABOR DAY PREVIEW PT. 2

Monday morning is what it's all about. Labor Day Monday is stacked with events and activities for the whole family. The Chapin Labor Day Classic Car show is once again back, sponsored by The Auto Shop of Chapin, and starts at 9am at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church Parking lot. If you're into vintage cars cared for by dutiful owners and beautifully displayed for competition, you're in the right place. Running concurrently to the Car Show is the famous Labor Day parade, heading down Chapin Rd. from the United Homes building to the Lowes Foods Parking lot. The parade has seen all manner of VIPs over the years, from Ms. South Carolinas to Presidential Candidates. It's truly one of the most special events our small town offers. Also running right next to the parade and into the afternoon is the Labor Day festival in the downtown district of Chapin, sponsored by Lexington Medical Center. Between the Children's Carnival, sponsored by Crossroads Church, the Tap Snap booth sponsored by Total Mortgage, the Cool Down tents, sponsored by Reliable Plumbing and Sweet Izzy's, and all of the food trucks and artisan vendors, there is truly something for everyone. Town Hall will also play host to the annual books sale for those who are looking for their next favorite read.

Labor Day is going to be a blast through and through. We're so excited as the Town of Chapin to put it on for y'all and we hope you're excited to be there. Make sure you block out those calendars because this year, it's going to be one for the books.

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL RSVP

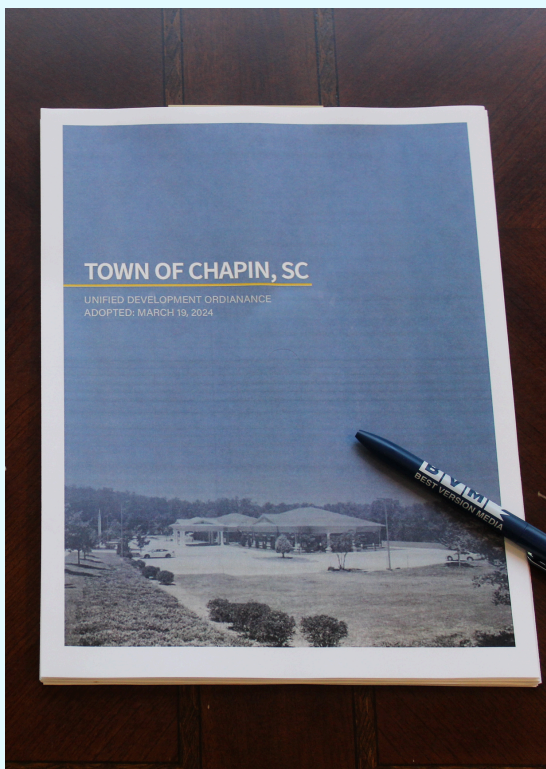
Planning Commission Process

HOW IT WORKS

In some recent weeks, there has been much discussion and inquiry about the Town of Chapin's Planning Commission. As things evolve in our community, we'd like to take the time to briefly go over process of our Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission consists of five volunteers appointed by council. They are responsible for zoning policies, comprehensive plans, reviewing planned developments, and rezoning requests. The Planning Commission will make recommendations and alterations to Town Council regarding the proposal based on town zoning code and public health and welfare.

The Planning Commission meetings are public meetings set forth through vote at the beginning of the year, with the occasional special called meeting when the need arises. The Planning Commission are working professionals who volunteer their time to assist the town and they meet at the time that they are able. If you're interested in the extent of the responsibilities and limitations of Planning Commissions in South Carolina, you can read the full Planning Enabling Act of 1994 right [here](#).



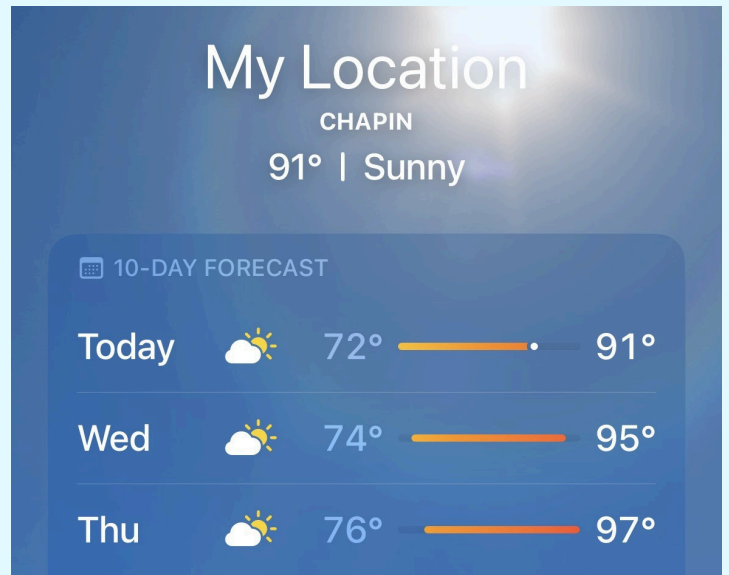
PLANNING COMMISSION 2024 CALENDAR

Beat the Heat

SUMMER WANES

Did I write a similar piece for the newsletter around this time last year? Almost certainly. That said, the perennial swelter that is thrust upon the people of South Carolina every year is cause for a re-visitation of this topic. Folks, it's hot and there's no changing that for the time being. So here's the three ways we're going to mitigate that issue. First on the list of things to do is invest in linen workwear. Breathable fabrics are the name of the game in South Carolina and if you think your sweat can be combatted by simple cotton and tech-material, I admire your confidence. Breathable work attire can make both the inside and outside more comfortable and cool. The second thing we're going to do is drink more water. It's a cliché at this point and people are, I'm sure, tired of hearing about it. It's that way for the very specific reason that it works. Hydration is one of the best ways to combat heat exhaustion and other heat-related ailments so when able, maybe do one less ice coffee and skip out on the lunchtime Arnold Palmer (Sunjoys for the uninitiated). The third and final thing we are going to do to beat the heat this summer is maybe a little out of left field. We are going to wake up at 5:00AM some days out of the week. If you are one of those people that is already doing that, willingly or otherwise, hats off to you. For those who do not and/or recoil at the idea of waking up before the sun rises, there is no better time to take for yourself. A morning coffee at 5:00AM before it's 100 degrees is worth its weight in gold. The kids are still asleep, there's no traffic or harsh light, and you can take time for yourself at a reasonable temperature before you burn yourself on your seatbelt buckle going to work.

-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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