

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Helene Aftermath

STEPS FORWARD AND FIRST RESPONDERS

It is not news at this point that Hurricane Helene was devastating to the Carolinas. People are still without power, water, and/or phone service still in many areas and the damage done to infrastructure cannot be understated. Our first responders with our utility department, public works, police department, and the emergency services of Lexington county have done and will continue to do their best work to assist those who are still without in our community. The outpour of support in the community from each other's neighbors has been heartwarming to see and there is light at the end of the tunnel. We at the Town of Chapin urge everyone to stay cautious and abide by all state-wide advisory information by the South Carolina



Emergency Management Decision. Though the need wasn't anticipated when it was first scheduled, the Town of Chapin is still hosting a blood drive at Town Hall on Friday, October 4th from 11am-2pm. There is great need for blood donations in the area so if you are able, we encourage you to donate. All donors will receive \$50 in gift card rewards as well. The sign up link is below.

[BLOOD DRIVE SIGN-UP](#)

Town Spotlight

IT'S SUSAN! THE UTILITIES COORDINATOR

One of the longest-tenured members of our Utilities Department, as well as one of our longest serving employees at the Town of Chapin, is Utility Coordinator Susan Wright. Susan is originally from Union and has lived in Prosperity for more than 20 years. She's served as the Chapin Utility Coordinator for 10 years now and has planned and coordinated the Classic Car show for our Labor Day festival for the last 5 years! Needless to say, she's an extremely valued member of our Chapin family.



Upcoming Events!

FALL NIGHT OUT



Folks, it's coming up on the spookiest time of year, once again. The only thing spookier than the ghosts and ghouls that you'll see on All Hallows Eve is missing the opportunity to meet the dedicated people who serve your local community. We're super excited to once again host Fall Night Out, presented by Terri Bauerlin - Realtor with Keller Williams Realty, with the Chapin Police Department and other local first responders here at Chapin Town Hall. The evening will feature the Chapin Police Department and other first responders from the area. We hope you have your Halloween costumes in mind because it's going to be a spooky affair with food, games, and more!

If you're interested in participating as a sponsor, please email communications@chapinsc.com and if you'd like to formally RSVP, the link is here:

[RSVP HERE!](#)

Chapin PD Reserve Officer

FIRST IN DEPARTMENT HISTORY

For the first time in department history, Chapin PD has sworn in a reserve officer. Officer Michael Moir has proudly served as a South Carolina Advanced Constable for the past 14 years. For the last several years as a Constable, he's been an invaluable asset to our department—assisting in court and riding alongside our officers during night shifts. Recently, Officer Moir made the decision to pursue becoming a Reserve Officer for Chapin PD, and we couldn't be more excited!

A Reserve Officer is a non-paid volunteer who works alongside law enforcement to help enforce the laws of South Carolina and are given the same authority and responsibilities of certified officers.

If you see Officer Moir around, say hi! And you might just see him at Fall Night Out!



Chapin PD Wins FBI Award

FBI-LEEDA AGENCY TRILOGY AWARD



The Chapin Police Department has proudly earned the FBI-LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award, a prestigious recognition of the department's commitment to strengthening law enforcement leadership. This award was achieved by successfully completing a three-part leadership development program offered by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA), consisting of the Supervisory Leadership Institute, the Command Leadership Institute, and the Executive Leadership Institute.

Chief Griffin and Captain Galinski, who make up the department's Command Staff, completed this comprehensive training, which addressed key areas such as procedural justice, policy oversight, community policing, crime reduction, public trust, transformational leadership, employee wellness, and social and emotional intelligence. This accomplishment demonstrates the department's commitment to ongoing development and exceptional leadership in their service to the Chapin Community. Chief Griffin spoke to his excitement about the award during the town council presentation from the FBI representative, noting that his team works very hard to be present, aware, and proactive in the Chapin community as well as his pride on behalf of the department for earning the award.

[CHAPIN PD FACEBOOK](#)



Town Council 9.17.24

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

This past month, Town Council voted to pass a resolution for an economic development grant. Though atypical, this grant from the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) requires council approval prior to staff submittal. This particular economic development grant is only approved for 12 municipalities a year for an amount of up to \$25,000. Council unanimously approved the resolution and the grant application was submitted on time.

[MINUTES AND AGENDAS](#)

Team Landolph holds Writing Workshop

AN INVITATION FROM TEAM LANDOLPH:

Team Landolph is inviting you to participate in an amazing event to inspire and connect our community! The sign-up link is included below. Teresa Randolph, a 15-year veteran educator, and slightly-obsessed writing teacher, will lead the hour in a way you don't want to miss!

Our Community Writer's Workshop is geared to writers of all ability and interest levels (seriously if you don't like to write, or don't consider yourself a writer at all I REALLY encourage you to attend).

Why Attend? First and foremost, it's a chance for us all to show up for one another!

Students: You will get real-time feedback and support on their writing no matter where they are in the process and have a chance for a greater audience to read their draft. Teachers: You will gain amazing tips and tricks for teaching writing in your classrooms that you can use the next day.

Parents and Community Members: You will get a powerful chance to connect with and pour into our youth, and one another, all while having a great time and building trust across our community!

Everyone will gain powerful communication strategies, insight into themselves, and an hour of engaging entertainment! What do I Need? If you are currently working on a story for the Chapin's Voice's Challenge you can bring that. If you're not in the challenge or haven't started yet, just bring yourself, a notebook, and something to write with. *Don't worry, we'll have extras in case you forget.

Though the event was originally scheduled for September 26th, Hurricane Helene's effects made a reschedule necessary stay tuned at the Team Landolph Facebook and sign up below for updates.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Labor Day Parade Winners

AWARD CATEGORIES



This past Town Council saw the winners of the 2024 Chapin Labor Day be announced! The winners in each category were as follows:

Business Winner: **Lake Murray Insurance & Lake Murray SC Rentals**

Non-Profit Winner: **BSA Pack 411**

School Organization Winner: **Chapin High School NJROTC**

Non-School Student Organization Winner: **Cheer Passion**

Restaurant Winner: **El Poblano Mexican Restaurant**

Overall Winner: **Timberlake Country Club**

Thank you to all who participated in our famed Labor Day parade and other festivities. We had around 76 registered entries and over 100 vendors at the Labor Day Festival. Some of our big-name guest in the parade included Lt. Gov. Pam Evette, Sen. Lindsay Graham, Rep. Joe Wilson, and Miss South Carolina. We had one of our largest turnouts we've ever seen and we're already looking for ways to make 2025 bigger and better so we hope to see you all next year!

Soup Season Around the Corner

FALL AROMAS AND TEXTURES

While some yearn the crunching sound of brittle leaves and the comfort of a warm blanket, those of us who associate seasons with food yearn for the crunching of oyster cracker bags and the comfort of a steaming bowl of soup. With Fall officially here, it's just a matter of time before a cold cut sandwich leaves you feeling empty and depressed, but who has time to make their own delicious soups at home? Between work, family, college athletics, and who knows what else, the time it takes to properly put a batch of soup together is downright unthinkable. Luckily for the standard-issue Chapinite, there are several places to indulge in your liquid gold of choice.



There are several places where you can get a decent soup in the Town of Chapin. The Daily Grind has a broccoli-cheddar that is to die for, Catch 22 fittingly has a fantastic She-Crab soup, both J Peters and J. R. Cash's have a baked potato soup that is basically a fresh-from-the-dryer fleece blanket in a bowl, and Koi has the Hibachi-style clear soup that'll bring you comfort like the hug of a loved one. "But Dylan," I hear you say, stunned that I'm so familiar with our local soup options, "I don't have the time to make my own soups OR go and sit down at a restaurant to enjoy them." Worry not, friend. The local Chapin Publix's Deli has soups just about every day. Between a tortilla soup, chicken noodle, and sometimes even a lobster bisque, there is simply no excuse. As soon as the high for the day drops below the 70 degree mark, you'll find me spoon-deep in a bowl or cup of liquid love.

-Dylan

[EMAIL 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!

[LET'S CHAT!](#)

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