

# The Chapin Star

*The Capital of Lake Murray*



## Early Voting and Election Day

CHAPIN TOWN HALL



Though the early voting period is not yet over, we've already had thousands of people rushing out to the polling locations for early voting. For this election Chapin Town Hall has been the choice for many in the greater Chapin area during this period and we couldn't be more pleased to be working with Lexington County Voter Registration to bring an early voting location to the folks in Chapin. In previous elections, the closest early voting locations to the residents of Chapin had been Harbison or Lexington but due to a noticeable effort by the people of Chapin to have early voting in the greater Chapin area, we were able to facilitate its employment here. We would like to note for those who may not be aware, early voting ends

tomorrow, November 2nd at 6pm. If you wish to vote on election day (Tuesday, November 5th), you'll need to check on your designated polling location at the link below. If you have questions about your voting locations, your ballot, or your registration, please call the Lexington County Voter Registration Officer at 803-785-8361 as the Town of Chapin does not oversee the elections process, we just are hosting a polling location. We're very pleased with the amount of participation in this election and we encourage you, if you haven't already, to go out and vote!

[FIND MY POLLING PLACE](#)

## Town Spotlight

**IT'S DYLAN! THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST!**

You may be thinking "But doesn't Dylan write the newsletter? Isn't this a little self-congratulatory?" Well, there's only so many people here at Town Hall and my boss told me I had to do myself at some point so here I am. Dylan is originally from Atlanta, Georgia but has lived in Newberry for the last 8 years. He's been with the Town of Chapin for around a year and a half and is responsible for a majority of the event coordination, including the Labor Day Parade and Festival, as well as a large chunk of the Town's social media, some public relations, website work, and this newsletter, as mentioned.



# Upcoming Events!

## OLD TIMEY CHRISTMAS



The Holidays are around the corner and that means its time to get ready for our annual Old Timey Christmas Festival, sponsored by SOZO Family Fitness!

Come join us in downtown Chapin for an evening of Christmas cheer. You'll find specialty holiday-themed vendors, Christmas carolers, crafts, food trucks, and the one only Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This event, as mentioned, is generously sponsored by SOZO Family Fitness. If you'd like to formally RSVP, the link is here:

[RSVP HERE!](#)

## Municipal Clerk Certification

### SHANNON BOWERS

Our very own Shannon Bowers achieved quite the career milestone this past month. Shannon recently received her certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. According to the IIMC certification, "To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning, as well as State, Provincial, National Associations."

Shannon now is recognized for being dutifully municipally clerical in all 50 states, as well as many countries around the world.



[IIMC CERTIFICATION](#)

# Fall Night Out

## RECAP



October saw the return of a rapidly growing event in the Town of Chapin, our Fall Night Out. For those who may not know, National Night Out is a day to promote community relationships with your local first-responders and overall neighborliness in your area. It falls on the first Tuesday of August generally but, due to the substantial nature of the Labor Day weekend festivities, August is a touch busy for the Town of Chapin staff. This in mind, we take a great deal of pride in the work of our Police Department so we are determined to have a night where we can

better forge relationships with the people of Chapin. We elect to have "Fall Night Out" in mid-to-late October and we lean in to the spookier elements of that time of the season. All that to say, we had a blast at Fall Night Out this year. Terri Bauerlin with Keller Williams Realty was a wonderful partner in putting on this event that included candy, snacks, a barbecue, donuts and coffee from Laila's Place, and crafts! Living it up Bounce Style provided bounce house for the event and Postal Plus Printing provided the signage for the area. Thank you also to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and Lexington County Emergency Services for coming to the event and building community as well. A huge thanks to Chapin Branch Library for their spooky story corner and all of the volunteers and staff who helped pull it together. We can't wait for next year!

[CHAPIN PD FACEBOOK](#)

## Town Council 10.15.24

### BOY SCOUTS PITCH

### PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENT

Boy Scouts of America Pack 411 paid a visit to our most recent Town Council meeting to pitch their ideas for improvements to the Chapin Town Hall nature trail. For those unaware, just beyond the garden behind Town Hall is a short hiking trail used by runners and nature enthusiasts alike. With help from our Public Works employees, Pack 411 laid out their desire to repurpose debris from Helene, add seating areas along the trail, and add clear pathway barriers down the entirety of the trails. Town Council approved their pitch and work will begin on the project in the new year.



[MINUTES AND AGENDAS](#)

# Officer Ryan Smith Graduates

## NEW OFFICER CERTIFIED



This past month, Officer Ryan Smith graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Officer Smith has been with the Chapin Police department for a few months now at a trainee capacity until he was able to get re-certified in October. For those of you who do not know him, he is a Chapin local who had previously served as an officer in the Lowcountry. He's been a valued member of the Chapin PD team and has already made an impact in the community. Officer Smith was joined at his graduation ceremony by his family, Chief Griffin, Captain Galinski, Town Administrator Nicholle Burroughs, and Mayor Al Koon. Congratulations to Officer Smith on this achievement and, if you see him out and about, say hi!

[CHAPIN PD ALERT SIGN-UP](#)

# New Director of Finance

## MEET CAMBER MOORE

Camber Moore has joined the Chapin Town Hall family as our Director of Finance!

Camber is originally from Columbia, South Carolina and has resided in the Chapin area for the past 18 years. She graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2001 – Go Cocks! Camber was previously the Controller at Southland Log Homes in Irmo and is excited to be back in Chapin. In her spare time, Camber enjoys supporting her children's passions, including Chapin Marching Band (who by the way took home 2nd in the 4A State completion this past weekend), traveling, reading and volunteering.

Camber has fit right in with us here at Town Hall and we are super excited to have her on the team. Say hi to Camber when you see her!



[FINANCE PAGE](#)

# Small-Town Superbowl

## TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We are exactly 1 day removed from Halloween and it's time to get serious around here. The Holidays proper are here and our time has begun. The last 2 months of the year are to small towns what Coca-Cola is to polar bears. While the summer is a time for vacation trips and getting out-and-about, the holidays are about staying home with your family and friends and soaking up the sounds and scents of the season. Here are a few necessities for the quintessential Chapin holiday season.



*(Lakewood Tree Farm, Chapin)*

First and foremost, you simply have to have the right Thanksgiving situation for the area. While most Thanksgiving imagery involves cable knit sweaters and steaming hot toddies, there is a high likelihood we're looking at a 70+ degree Thanksgiving afternoon. Outside cooking is still in play here so, instead of roasting your turkey, consider smoking it with a smoker from Boland's Ace. Make sure you have your turkey ordered from Teague's Market as well. Post-Thanksgiving, you can get a head start on the most wonderful time of the year with the aforementioned in the "Upcoming Events" section, Old Timey Christmas in Chapin. Food trucks, Christmas vendors, carolers, and Saint Nick himself. You will seldom find more holiday cheer this side of Lake Murray. Then we get to New Year's Eve. While some people enjoy the prospect of a fresh start and a final hoorah, the reality is New Year's Eve is a pillar of failed expectations. Trust me, the best thing you can do to celebrate the new year is grab an early dinner (preferably at a local Chapin restaurant), hit up your Lowe's Foods as they tend to have good deals on champagne, and call it an early night. You'll thank me later.

-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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