

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Snow Days and Road Ways

WINTER WEATHER 2025



The midlands of South Carolina felt the cold kiss of snow not once, but twice this past month! Yes, a local snow day, while sometimes inconvenient, is the vessel for magic in a southern state. Something so mundane and abundant to the northern transplants brings pure bliss to those who so seldom see it. But while the kids run around and enjoy their e-learning day, we do urge caution when using the potentially icy road ways. This may not be the last we see of the icy roads this season so, in the event of another snow storm or freeze, we do offer words of advice. Per the SCDOT, If you must drive, give plows and road crews room to work. Slow down, leave space between your vehicle and others, and drive with caution. If you find yourself in an emergency, do not hesitate to call 911.

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Town Spotlight

IT'S CAMBER, OUR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE!

One of the newer additions to our Town of Chapin administration, Camber Moore has been our Director of Finance since last October. Just after bringing her on, the Town overhauled its billing and accounting processes massively, as I'm sure many Chapin customers have noticed. It was a process that took substantial time (and admittedly some growing pains) but Camber helped and continues to help to bring everyone up to speed and make the process as smooth as it can be. Thank you Camber!

Trail Improvement Project

NEW NATURE WALK AT TOWN HALL

This past Saturday saw a huge volunteer day at Chapin Town Hall for our Trail improvement project. Our Public Works Superintendent, Anthony, and the volunteers from Boy Scouts of America Pack 411 spent several hours over the weekend working to line the trails with fallen trees and branches, install a new trail map and signage through the area, installing 4 new all weather benches, 2 new all weather picnic tables, and installing a pet waste station and trail markers throughout the area.



The afternoon also featured a hotdog lunch very kindly prepared by Anthony as a thank you to the diligent volunteers and their dedicated time towards the project. The Trail Improvement project was very generously sponsored by the Tuttle family, The Auto Shop and Wrapabull along side the Town of Chapin. Our new trail will be instrumental in one of our new shared events coming this summer in partnership with the Chapin Branch Library, the Summer Reading Kickoff! Stay tuned to our pages for more information to come and keep June 2nd free!

BSA PACK 411



Town Council 1.30.25

TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

While the Chapin Town Council didn't have its usual meeting this past month, they did hold their annual strategic planning session towards the end of the month. During the meeting, the council reflected on their goals from 2024 and looked to the future, setting their goals for 2025 as well. The Mayor spoke to his satisfaction with the session, calling it productive, incisive, and synergistic. Mayor Koon also expressed his gratitude towards the staff of Town Hall for their efforts to accomplish the goals of the council.

MINUTES AND AGENDAS

Upcoming Events!

2025 CALENDAR IS HERE!

TOWN OF CHAPIN 2025 EVENT CALENDAR



APR. 7-11 - WEEK OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE

APR. 11 - MAYOR'S
PRAYER BREAKFAST

MAY - OCT. - CHAPIN
FARMER'S MARKET

MAY 26 - MEMORIAL
DAY SERVICE

JUN. 2 - SUMMER
READING KICKOFF

JUN. 20 - OFF THE
DOCK BLOCK PARTY

AUG 30 - SEP. 1
LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

OCT. 24 - CHAPIN'S FALL
NIGHT OUT

DEC. 13 - OLD TIMEY
CHRISTMAS

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2024 was an absolutely banner year for Town of Chapin events and 2025 looks to be bigger and better!

Once again, we will have the classics that many of you have come to expect, including Fall Night Out, Old Timey Christmas, and the famed Labor Day Parade and Festival! We will also be re-tooling some of our staple events with the community feedback everyone was so kind to share. The Off the Dock Block Party will return this summer, starting later on in the evening to account for the sun and the heat. The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in April will also now book-end a week of Community Service, rather than kick off a weekend Day of Community Service.

2025 also sees the return of the Chapin Downtown farmer's market during the warm months (May-Oct) and a partnered event with the Chapin Branch Library, The Summer Reading Kickoff! We can't wait!

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Eddie Gable wins Award

CHAPIN UTILITIES

One of our own got to walk away with some hardware for his office this past month. The Town of Chapin Utilities Department's Eddie Gable was awarded the "Wastewater Operator of the Year" award by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina, Capital District.

The WEASC is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization representing water professionals in South Carolina and that award is given annually to a water and wastewater treatment plant operator for excellent achievement in the direct operation of a water or wastewater system in South Carolina.

Eddie Gable has worked in the water industry for over 40 years, including over 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Chapin utilities. Eddie is an essential member of our utilities staff and we would like to congratulate him on his well-deserved award.



[WEASC WEBSITE](#)

County Reinstates Road Agreement

LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL



At the January meeting of Lexington County Council, the council voted to reinstate the previously decades-old road maintenance agreement that they had revoked. In December of 2023, Lexington County Council voted to cancel the agreement with Councilwoman Charlene Wessinger stating last year that the county's new agreement is a tool to help preserve Lexington County ordinances. After backlash from the decision came from local municipal leaders calling the decision "incredibly inappropriate" and county council member Todd Cullum calling the action "extortion", the County, in their first meeting of 2025 with their newly elected members, have voted to reinstate it with councilwoman Wessinger voting in favor of the reinstatement after voting against it in the committee meeting.

[COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES](#)

New Officer in Chapin PD

MEET OFFICER ANGEL RUIZ

We have yet another new officer that has joined the Chapin PD family, Officer Angel Ruiz.

Angel and his family are proud residents of Chapin and we're honored to have him join our department. Officer Ruiz is an Army Veteran with valuable law enforcement experience, bringing a strong sense of dedication and service to our community. His passion for making a difference is exactly what makes Chapin such a wonderful place to live!

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Chapin Police Department, follow the link below for more information or send Chief Griffin a resume and letter of interest to TGriffin@chapinnc.com or apply through our website at the link below!

[APPLY HERE](#)



I haven't slept well in days

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Y'all hear about this sleep stuff? Not me. I'm coasting off of a collective total of probably eight hours of non-R.E.M. sleep over the past three days. I'm sure you're thinking "He must be dealing with a newborn or recovering from some sort of injury." Not the case, in fact. I have precisely zero children and, while I annually suffer an easy avoidable injury, that time in 2025 has not yet come. So now what? I'm sure I'm not the only one dealing with this. The constant

flux of weather, post-holiday wind-down, and the general doom-scrolling on social media can obviously have an affect on a person's state of being. I'm guilty of it, as are many of us, so that may be the culprit here, but I can't be certain. Sometimes on this back page column, I give unsolicited yet excellent advice coming from a place of experience and empathy. I'm still not sure if anyone makes it this far while reading the newsletter, but I try, nonetheless. In this moment, I ask you, yes YOU reader, for advice. How do you quite your mind? What's the best course of action here? Is this just the future? Will it get any better? I am open to *bona fide* medical advice or more non-traditional routes. I'm writing this on Wednesday, it'll be out on Friday. I'm counting on each and every one of the faithful and dutiful readers of The Chapin Star to help me out here, as I have maybe helped you all in insignificantly small ways over the past year and change. Thank you in advance.

-Dylan

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!

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