

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Chapin Trail Ribbon Cutting

AND SUMMER READING KICKOFF!



This past Monday we, in partnership with the Chapin Branch of Lexington County Library, hosted the Summer Reading Kickoff here at Chapin Town Hall. The event featured a bounce house, Laila's Place food truck, and the Lexington County mobile library in the town hall grass parking lot and, just up the sidewalk, the library campus hosted a foam party, face painting, balloon animals and other crafts. Along side the Summer Reading Kickoff, the Town of Chapin held a formal ribbon cutting with the Greater Chapin Chamber of Commerce for the recently completed

nature trail behind the town hall property. The Mayor cut the ribbon after some words from Dylan, the Communications Specialist, and chamber President and CEO, Paul Sadler. Also in attendance for the ribbon cutting were scouts and leaders from BSA Pack 411 who had volunteered to help with the trail work earlier this year. They too gave words of appreciation and spoke to their work on the trail before the ribbon was formally cut and the trail officially opened for the summer!

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Town Spotlight

IT'S OFFICER RUIZ! ONE OF OUR NEW OFFICERS

Not long ago, we swore in officer Angel Ruiz to the Chapin Police department and he's already done some fantastic work. He's been with the department for around five months now and his diligence and duty are exactly what the department is all about. Officer Ruiz recently was the recipient of the Military Service Award at this year's Chapin Police Department Banquet and we couldn't be more proud of him.



Memorial Day Service

RECAP

In spite of the rough and untimely weather, we held our annual Memorial Day Service here at Chapin Town Hall last Monday with the American Legion Post 193. The keynote address was given by Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Tim Burton. LTC Burton's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Master Military Freefall Parachutist Badge with Bronze Star, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Ranger Tab.



A special thanks to Gold Star families, local Scouts, members of Chapin American Legion Post 193 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193, Chapin High School students, local businesses like Sign Gypsies Lake Murray, and everyone else who donated time and supplies to help make the event as special as it always is. If you are interested in supporting or working with American Legion Post 193, you can reach out to them on their website at the link below.

[POST 193](#)



Town Council 4.15.25

SO MANY CERTIFICATES

The month of May was simply so stacked with celebratory weeks, recognitions, and proclamations that we had to set aside a time outside of council to present all of them. Mayor Koon presented certificates in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Week to Chief Griffin, Municipal Clerks week to our clerk, Shannon Bowers, and National Small Business Week all last month. These weeks recognize the dutiful people that occupy public service and the value that small, local businesses bring to communities like ours.

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Upcoming Events!

OFF THE DOCK!

That's right, everyone. It's officially summer which means it's officially back.

When you get off the clock, head on down and get Off the Dock! Our summer block party has returned in 2025! This year, we're beating the heat as best we can and we've moved the start time of the event from 5pm to 7pm. So this year's block party will formally run from 7pm-10pm on Friday June 20th, 2025.

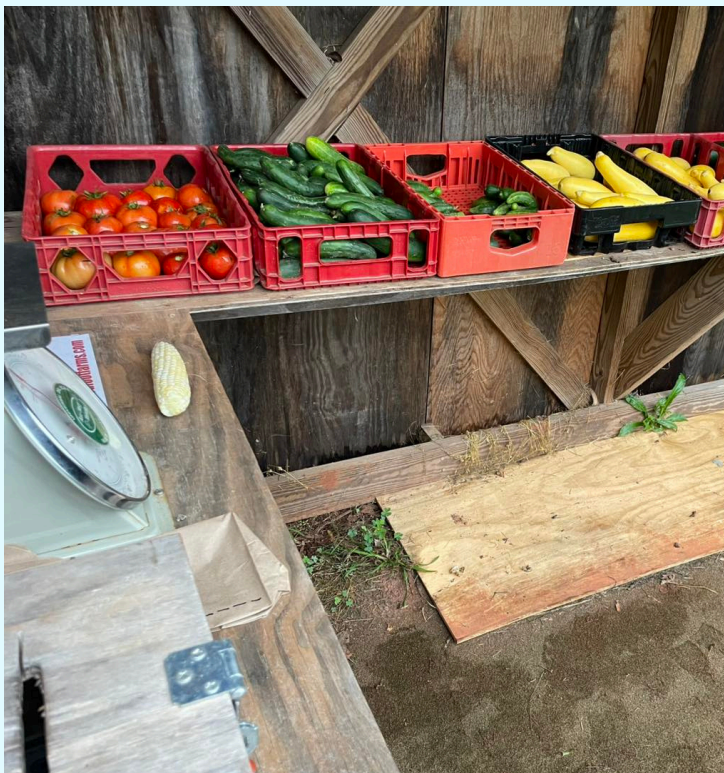
With live music, food, drinks, and an atmosphere like no other, it's the place to be on a Friday night. If you'd like to participate as a vendor or a sponsor at the event, please fill out the form(s) on our website linked below! We can't wait to see you there!

[RSVP HERE](#)



Farmer's Market Check-In

JUNE 14TH MARKET



The Summer heat is officially here, whether we like it or not. While some people find it uncomfortable and oppressive, there is one silver lining that I think we can all get behind. Summer vegetables are going to be bigger and better than ever! Recently, as many of you readers should know, we've brought back the Chapin Downtown Farmers Market and the excitement was palpable. That said, we had an unseasonably cold Spring this year and it caused our main produce provider for the market to be a little light on the produce. The threat of wind and rain the morning of the first market certainly didn't help either. Good news! There's going to be more in the June market! Pictures posted from the Redfoot Farms social media pages indicate that they're coming back with much much more. We'll see everybody next Saturday from 9am-noon at the mural parking lot!

[RSVP HERE](#)

Summer Pet Safety

PROTECTING YOUR PETS FROM THE HEAT - RUBY RED (CONTRIBUTOR)



In recent days, we have gone from full spring to fast-forward summer! Now is the time to prepare for sun safety and protection, especially if you plan to take your fur baby to the beach.

Don't overlook the importance of scheduling an early-summer checkup with your vet. This proactive step can help guard your pet against heartworm infections, which are often transmitted through mosquitoes that thrive in the combination of April showers, heat, and water.

Give pets plenty of fresh, clean water. Wash those bowls! Saliva grime collects in the bowl and creates deadly bacteria.

Stay alert and be vigilant to recognize the signs of overheating in pets, whether they're out on walks or enjoying the backyard. These signs include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor, or even collapse.

NEVER leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle, even if it's "just for five minutes." Parked cars in the shade can still be a killer, especially with our South Carolina humidity.

Pets with flat, smooshy faces, as well as our senior/elderly and chonky (overweight) babies, are susceptible to heat strokes as they cannot pant as effectively as other pets.

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool. Even the most highly trained pet can panic and tire before finding the escape route in your pool.

Trim longer hair on your pet, but never shave your dog. (Leave that to the experts!) Layers of their coats help protect their skin from sunburn and overheating. Use pet-friendly sunscreen and mosquito spray for extra protection.

Remember, hot asphalt is like 'hot lava' for your pets. Use the 7-second rule as a guide: Place your hand on the asphalt and count to seven. If you can't hold it that long, it's too hot! This simple precaution can protect your pet's paw pads from painful burns.

Many tail wags,

-**RubyRed**

Chess Champion

Y'ALL SEE THIS VIDEO OF MAGNUS CARLSEN?

I think there's something really really interesting about this video. For those who have not seen it, Norwegian chess grandmaster, Magnus Carlsen (5' 10") lost to a Indian chess grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju (5' 7") and as soon as he realized it, he smashes his fist on the table with intense vigor and reaches his hand out to concede. This explosive reaction is the talk of the town, with some people critical of its perceived lack of professionalism. And yet, his competitor and many others in the community have come out with the sentiment of "We've all been there". Now Carlsen is saying he's considering quitting classical chess and that's caused a stir as well.



What's interesting about this notion is, it seems Carlsen has come to a conclusion that many of his predecessors came to too late. Unlike competitive sports like football or basketball that require a peak physical form that is unsustainable for longer than maybe 20 years for almost anyone, there's chess grandmasters that have done this for decades and decades until the day they die. In their final days, many of the chess pros have lamented that a life dedicated to chess is a life wasted. There's thousands and thousands of strategies and it's impossible to learn them all. Unlike Derek Carr shredding his rotator cuff and hanging up his helmet for good, these chess players chase the intangible release of mastery their whole lives, to no avail. This game that's considered some ideal of high-class and intelligence either evades you in any meaningful way or consumes you entirely. Carlsen getting schooled by the new kid on the block may have been a blessing in disguise. The illusion is broken. It's just a game. Then you have to ask yourself what else you have, and depending on how long you've obsessed over your vice, it could be nothing.

-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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