

# The Chapin Star

*The Capital of Lake Murray*



## Farmer's Market Season Begins

### WARM WEATHER FUN

The wait is over. After a several-year hiatus, the Town of Chapin's Downtown Farmer's Market will return next Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the mural parking lot just off of Clark St! This market features a variety of local vendors and entertainment for the whole family. This local community event provides residents and visitors with a grocery and shopping alternative, featuring local growers and artisans selling fresh produce, dairy products and meats as well as handmade items like candles, jewelry, soaps and woodcrafts.



We are working very closely with farm and produce vendors like Redfoot Farms and Persimmons Farms, local businesses such as Miss Cocky and S&S Destinations, and a handful of other artisan and craft vendors. The event includes music, food, and activities with Chapin Branch Library. Our event is also dog friendly as long as they are kept on their leash. Come join us in the Clark St. Mural parking lot from 9am-12pm on the Second Saturdays from May-October!

[RSVP HERE!](#)

## Town Spotlight

### IT'S QUILL! OUR GUEST MEMBER!

Everybody knows Quill, right? You've seen him all over the place. He's our guest assistant municipal clerk and he's been putting in the work here at Town Hall. Quill is specifically here to remind everyone that next week is Professional Municipal Clerk's Week! Initiated in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), the week is a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk's office. Stay tuned this week to keep up with all of Quill's hard work at his new job!



# National Small Business Week

MAY 4-10



It's a big week for our local Chapin small businesses coming up! For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week (NSBW), which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. National Small Business Week 2025 will take place May 4-10, and SBA will officially recognize their hard work, ingenuity, and dedication, including their contributions to the economy. We have time and time again seen the our local businesses are what gives our town an identity and a sense of community. So here's a few ways you can help.

**-Attend local events:** Not to dive too deep into self-promotion but going to events like our farmer's market is a great way to get out and support some non brick-and-mortar small businesses.

**-Publish positive reviews:** Sites like Yelp, Google and TripAdvisor are great places to speak well of your favorite local establishments. It lets the business know what you like and others know where they should go!

**-Buy Gifts Cards:** Even if you aren't looking for something right now, gift cards are a great way to give a place your business at a time of lower traffic and then get something later!

## CHAPIN CHAMBER PARTNERS



## Town Council 4.15.25

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

Today we get to talk about something important but not often though about day to day, food allergy awareness. Did you know 1 in 10 adults in the U.S. have a food allergy? Probably more than you thought, I'd wager. Food allergy isn't just a worry in schools or at restaurant. A food allergy reaction can happen anytime, anywhere, including at work. We were fortunate enough to have a representative from come down to Town Hall to receive a proclamation from Mayor Al Koon recognizing the importance of Food Allergy Awareness Week and its advocacy.

KEEP THE MIDLANDS  
BEAUTIFUL

# Upcoming Events!

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Town of Chapin along with American Legion Post 193 will jointly host a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26, at the Chapin Town Hall. The ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American Armed Forces.

Please join our Chapin community in honoring our fallen service men and women at a Memorial Day Observance. This outdoor event will be held in front of the Town Hall Building at the flag pole. There is limited seating available but you are welcome to bring chairs and it is handicapped accessible.

Immediately following the outdoor ceremony there will be an indoor reception. We invite members of the public to share images, names, and ranks of those that have been killed in action as a way to publicly acknowledge their sacrifice and share in remembrance of their life.



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# Chapin PD Banquet

## AWARDS DINNER



The Chapin Police Department once again hosted their annual awards banquet here at Chapin Town Hall last month. This event allows us the opportunity to show our gratitude and recognition to our incredible officers for their daily grind and their work keeping the Town of Chapin, South Carolina safe. This year, Captain Galinski was the recipient of the coveted Robert Smith Award and we couldn't be more proud of him. If you are interested in being a part of the Chapin Police Department, they are currently hiring for a new officer. The link to apply is below.

[APPLY HERE](#)

# Types of Pet Health Insurance – Selecting the right paw-licy.

## PET INSURANCE PT. 2 - RUBY RED (CONTRIBUTOR)

Previously, we barked about the value of pet health insurance and its potential benefits for our beloved pets. After sharing Athena's story and considering her lifestyle, I realized that pet health insurance was a financial investment and a source of peace of mind. As her fur mom, knowing that she had access to the best care was invaluable. However, navigating the world of pet health insurance can be overwhelming. When researching the correct type of pet health insurance, consider your pet's lifestyle. For example, Athena was an adventure pup! She attended doggy daycare, went hiking, camping, watersports, and more, which means she was susceptible to catching germs or having injuries.



Understanding the various types of pet health insurance is crucial when deciding. There are three main types: Wellness and Preventative Care, Comprehensive (Accident and Illness), and Accident-only (Emergency Plans). Each type offers different levels of coverage, so it's essential to review what each policy includes to ensure it meets your pet's needs.

### **Wellness & Preventive Care**

Wellness plans cover your pets' routine check-ups, vaccinations, and preventatives such as flea, tick, and heartworm. Depending on the preventive care plan level, it can also cover annual blood work, x-rays, and dental cleanings.

### **Comprehensive Care (Accident & Illness)**

Comprehensive plans cover unforeseen situations such as ear infections, tummy aches, bladder infections, stubbed toe beans, sprained ankles, and torn ACLs. These plans are ideal for breed-specific medical conditions such as allergies, diabetes, or cancer. Read the fine print, however, because most plans will not cover "pre-existing" medical conditions.

### **Accident-only (Emergency Plans)**

Accident-only plans will cover "911" type pet injuries such as broken bones, bite wounds, or poisoning. These plans are more affordable than a comprehensive plan since it does not cover illnesses. This plan is ideal for healthy fur babies who are more clumsy or mischievously curious.

When choosing a policy for your pet, it's essential to compare the coverages based on your pet's health and lifestyle. Consider factors such as deductibles, limits, and monthly premiums. Doing so can ensure you make the best decision for your pet's health and well-being. For Athena, having pet health insurance was worth it, and ensuring her access to care was a significant part of living her best life.

Many tail wags,

RubyRed

# Mugshots

## LOOK AT THIS LINEUP



If there's one thing that the 9-5 workforce has given me through thick and thin, it is an unreasonable dependence on caffeine. I, like many, need coffee more than once a day, every day, until the sun burns out. My goal in recent times has been to maximize the efficiency of my coffee consumption and in doing so, I may have flown too close to the sun. I'm going to break down this lineup of coffee mugs in terms of their pros and cons and make the best choice for the future of myself and my family.

On the left side, you will see a standard-sized American coffee mug. You may find one or many of these in most housewares departments and/or office cabinets. One might notice that it is as clean as a coffee mug can be and that is due to the fact that I have never used it and have no intention of using it. A meager 8oz of coffee is child's play. The only reason the left mug even has the privilege of inclusion is for size comparison. Moving on. The middle mug is ole' reliable, my bread and butter. Middle mug easily gets the most reps of any imbibing vessel I own due to its impressive size and versatility. It's lightweight, but sturdy, classic, but not pretentious, and large, but easily one-handable. So that's it, right? Case closed? Maybe a few days ago that would've been the case, but we have a new kid on the block here. Right side mug has entered the ring and she is a behemoth. This piece of glazed clay is clocking in at around 24oz of liquid capabilities and you feel every ounce. On paper, this mug has everything with its classic look and large capacity. In practice, this monster is a tricky one. Its large handle and wide body make it a difficult one-handed grip at the best of times, God forbid you're doing an ice coffee and the outside is coated in condensation. I fear it's simply impractical, even with its convenience of less trips to the office coffee pot. I'll keep testing until we know for sure, though we may never. But such is life.

-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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