

The Chapin Star

The Capital of Lake Murray



Labor Day Approaches

TIME TO GO



I know we've talked about it in the last several issues of this newsletter. I know we all have calendars and most of us are well aware of when Labor Day falls annually. I'm aware that many of you more dedicated readers have probably already signed up for everything you're going to do, in terms of participation. All of that being said, here's a formal primer for the weekend with dates, times, and links.

Saturday, August 30th will see the annual Fidelis 5k, put on by Fidelis Family Retreat. It starts at 8am at Chapin High School and

it's a great way to support a local non-profit and get in some exercise. Sign up link is below! The following Sunday night, come on down to Beaufort St. at 6pm for our Boots on Beaufort Country Concert! We'll have our opening act before transitioning in to our headliner, Jackson Truluck and the Gravel Road Show! Bring a chair, your dancing shoes, and come down to enjoy select vendors before the Labor Day festivities the next day! Monday morning at 9:30am will see our parade team going down Chapin Rd. from United Homes to Lowes Foods, featuring Grand Marshal Coach Vicki Williams! Immediately after, come join us for the festival spanning the whole downtown area. With food trucks, local vendors, and the annual Classic Car Show down at Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, it'll be the place to be! We are still accepting parade entries and certain vendors so if you'd like to join us, the link to sign up is below. Come join us and be "Part of the Team" this Labor Day Weekend!

[5K SIGN UP](#)

[PARADE SIGN UP](#)

[FESTIVAL SIGN UP](#)

Town Spotlight

IT'S KELLY MCCLURE! JACK OF ALL TRADES!

While some might not yet know Kelly, she's been working behind the scenes at the Town of Chapin for some time now. Kelly was originally brought on to help with our records retention and since then, she's been the town's Swiss-army knife. She's worked in records, utilities, and wherever else she's been needed. You can currently find her manning the front desk, answering the main line, and helping with business licenses. Thanks Kelly!



Mayor's Story Time

READING IS FUN!



In conjunction with Mayor Bill Danielson of Irmo and Mayor Hazel Livingston of Lexington, Mayor Al Koon has elected to host a monthly story time for the youths here at Chapin Town Hall! While the original plan was to host these readings at the Chapin Town Hall garden, due to the punishing and unceasing heat, we elected to do the story time in the lobby. With help from Josie at the Chapin Branch library, Chief Griffin, and Mayor Pro-Tem Gregg White, we had an absolute blast with the families that made it down to Town Hall. A huge thank you to everyone who helped pull it together and if you're interested in joining us for the next Mayor's Story Time, you can join us here on Tuesday, August 26th at 10:30am. If you live in Irmo or Lexington, you can check out Mayor Hazel and Mayor Bill's story times in the Our Town article below!

[OUR TOWN ARTICLE](#)

Town Council 7.15.25

COUNCIL APPROVES PD EXPENDITURE

July's Town Council meeting saw the Chapin Police Department be approved for some important equipment for road communication. Chief Griffin requested funding from the American Rescue Plan Fund for the purchase of a trailer-hauled electronic traffic sign for road-side communication. This sign will greatly help the police department with traffic instruction, communicating any regulation changes, and general safety of the town. For more on the agenda and minutes from the last town council meeting, or any of our boards and commissions, see out website below!

[AGENDAS AND MINUTES](#)



Upcoming Events!

AUGUST FARMERS MARKET



We are now entering the back-half of our Farmers Market season, so if you haven't had a chance to check it out, you'll have another opportunity on Saturday, August 9th!

Come down to the Clark St. Mural parking lot (next to 103 Clark street) next Saturday from 9am-12pm. You'll find a handful of local farmers and vendors with offerings like fresh, local produce, meats, breads, jams, salsas, baked goods, and a variety of artisan crafts.

There's only three markets left this year, so before you decide to sleep in and go to the grocery store later, swing on over to downtown Chapin and help support your local growers and small businesses!

[RSVP HERE](#)

Chapin's Newest Mural

AT THE SHACK

We've long considered Chapin to be an art-forward town. A couple of years ago, we unveiled the "Chapin" mural in the Clark St. parking lot across from the American Legion building. Now, a local business is working with the Crooked Creek Art League to design another mural for Chapin at their restaurant, The Shack!

You may have seen the mural in progress outside of one of Chapin's newest restaurants on Chapin Road. While ownership acknowledges it's not quite ready to be formally unveiled to the public, they did tease a fun surprise for when the mural is completed.

If you haven't seen the progress already, come on down to 1250 Chapin Road (where the Zesto used to be) and check out the newest art installation in our town!



[THE SHACK MENU](#)

New CPD Officer!

MEET OFFICER HOLLIDAY



There's a new face in the Chapin Police department, and it is mustached. Officer Robert Holliday was formally sworn in to the department last month and he's the final piece to our now fully-staffed department!

Officer Robert Holliday recently relocated to Chapin with his family and brings valuable experience as a certified law enforcement officer. He's also a member of the United States Air Force as well as the Department of Juvenile Justice. He's now continuing his work in public service by joining the Chapin PD.

Chief Griffin expressed his excitement with the hire when he said "We're proud to have him serving the Town of Chapin and look forward to the positive impact he'll have on our community."

If you see Officer Holliday, say hi!

New Public Works Employee

MEET MIKE FITZGERALD!

While we remain on a roll with bringing on new members to our Town of Chapin team, let's not forget our newest member of our Public Works team! This is Mike.

Mike was originally born in Philadelphia but spent most of his upbringing in New Jersey. He moved to South Carolina in 2020 for his family and started working in a plant doing quality control work in Lexington. He's since moved from Lexington to Chapin and now Mike has joined our Public Works team to assist Public Works Superintendent, Anthony Andrade, with the general upkeep of the town and maintenance of the town-owned properties.

Mike lives here with his wife Shelby and his two children. He also coaches his sons little league baseball team when he's not here at Town Hall. If you see Mike, say hi!



Well, This Is It.

MY SWAN SONG NEWSLETTER

This last piece of mine is written with a deep sense of melancholy. Yes, I (being Dylan the Communications Specialist) am writing this as the last piece of the newsletter that will be penned by myself. I am perusing another opportunity and am amicably parting ways with an institution of which I hold a great deal of sentiment. My understanding is that there was, at one point, another newsletter written by another Town of Chapin employee long before I started here a few years ago. That said, The Chapin Star was a passion project of mine to start when I arrived here. Ideally, this will not be the last issue of The Chapin Star, though I'm not sure when the next issue might be. Hopefully they don't skip a beat over here.



PICTURED: ME AT LABOR DAY 2024
BEING INTERVIEWED ON WLTX (SWEATING)

I want to thank all of the community members who've helped me during my tenure with the town. My job was, in many ways, contingent on the kindness of strangers. That fact is not lost on me. While trying to centralize resources and galvanize community members sometimes felt like pulling teeth, the leaders of Chapin always pulled through when we needed them. Y'all know who you are and, truly, you are the real MVPs. It's an odd thought to think that there have been a small handful of local folks (and one guy from Michigan?! Shout out! Go Lions!) who consistently and dutifully read this letter every month and all I can hope is that you were informed, entertained, and maybe you had a short reprieve from the noise we all work through every day. I, as a freshly 27 soon-to-be-father, have little to offer in terms of wisdom or parting words. All I'll say is, thanks for reading and don't forget to touch some grass here and there.

-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!

[LET'S CHAT!](#)

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