

## BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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### Happy New Year!!

First, "THANK YOU", for a productive year (2017). The community along with the Mayor and Council have worked diligently to continue to make progress and move our town forward.

We had two very successful festivals in the spring, "The Taste of Blackville" sponsored by the Blackville Downtown Development Cooperation, and "The Music and Arts" festival sponsored by the Music and Arts Committee directed by Terrance Washington.

The Blackville Community Development Cooperation in partnership with the South Carolina Arts Commission is working on a mural, depicting the "Best Friend Train" and "Healing Springs" on the corner of Main Street and Highway #3. The BCDC have funds available for repairs to low-income residents whose homes are owner occupied for information contact (803) 284-0735.

"Homecoming" proved to be another successful event in town, over one hundred entries paraded down Solomon Blatt Avenue. Alumni from Blackville High School, Macedonia High School and Blackville-Hilda High School participated. Rev. Floyd Hughes, Sr. and Ms. Margie Smalls were honored as "Hawks of the Year".

The "Neighborhood Watch" organization continues to be active in our community, providing safety concerns to our citizens. In conjunction with the group the "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)" has been established, this group is trained to respond to natural and man-made disasters in the community, Mrs. Norma Rockwell heads the group and can be reached at (803) 284-1730 for additional information.

The "Together Sisters" as always have been a constant source of "GIVING", sponsoring programs for all residents' young and old. School supply giveaways, senior proms, parties and more entertainment. This group of women led by Ms. Janice Livingston has been a phenomenal source in their endeavors.

The "Blackville Area Historical Society" opened the town's Museum to the public, this year, displaying many artifacts and items that have been contributed to show the history of our town. The museum is open every Tuesday from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and will honor request for appointments, call (803) 284-2525.

The (BPSAA) Blackville Public School Alumni Association sponsored its first "Hall of Fame" ceremony honoring thirteen people that have made contributions to the community.

Many problems for the town will be solved with the passage of the "penny tax" which will enable the town to make improvement to our water and sewer system, assist in cleaning up old dilapidated buildings and other projects we hope to accomplish. In addition, we have received a grant to demolish the old Middle School, which hopefully will be completed within the year.

We would like to thank you our citizens, our businesses and our organizations for your continued support to for our community and I encourage you our community to support all entities

As we embark on a new year (2018), a lot of hope and anticipation awaits everyone. We hope and anticipate that our Town will continue to progress into a community that we are proud of and that we take pride in calling home.

Hopefully, this new year will bring prosperity, love, and happiness to all citizens. May God Bless you and the Town of Blackville.

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## MEETINGS

- **January 4**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **January 8**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, Solomon Blatt Avenue, 7:00pm
- **January 8**, BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, TBA
- **January 9**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **January 9**, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 7:00pm
- **January 16**, Town Council, Council Chambers, 6:30pm (Tuesday)
- **January 22**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Lodge, Barnwell, 7:00pm
- **January 25**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 6:00pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**January 1**, Rev. Jimmy Sanders  
**January 1**, Solomon Daniels, Sr.  
**January 5**, Mamie Matthews  
**January 5**, George Dowling  
**January 6**, Lorine Patrick  
**January 7**, Liana Orr  
**January 9**, Harriet McKnight  
**January 9**, Chuck McCormick  
**January 14**, Gwendolyn Littlejohn  
**January 15**, Chandra Ford  
**January 15**, Steve Raysor  
**January 15**, Timothy Wayne Beard  
**January 17**, Fanesha Donaldson  
**January 20**, Janice Dunbar  
**January 21**, Coker Hagood  
**January 22**, Evelyn Coker  
**January 26**, Leon Kearse  
**January 30**, Kary Taylor-Dowling  
**January 31**, Solomon Daniels, Jr.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Contact Miss Ruthie (803) 284-2295

## SCHOOL NEWS

**January 4**, Winter Break Ends  
**January 3**, Students Return  
**January 11**, 90<sup>th</sup> Day of school  
**January 15**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
**January 18**, Reports Cards  
**January 18**, SIC 3:30pm - MES  
**January 25**, Awards Day 8:30 (MES)  
**January 24-26**, Benchmark Testing

### "SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY"

Sponsored by "Together Sisters"  
January 15, 2018 – 12noon  
Community Center

## FYI

### GARBAGE CART USER(S):

#### Town Ordinance Number 10.306.-

It shall be the responsibility of the user or users to keep their container reasonably clean and free of water.

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## TOWN HALL CLOSED

**January 1st and 15th, 2018**

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"They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for." Unknown

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