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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As we close out 2018, we reflect on the accomplishments and plans for 2019. Our council and staff continue to work tirelessly to be efficient with the funds in our budget so that we can maintain services for our citizens with any increase in fees. We strive to maintain a clean audit along with staying within our budget to ensure stability. Our council continues to pursue funding to improve the infrastructure, appearance and to create opportunities to recruit businesses and job opportunities for the Town of Blackville. Three of our top goals for 2019. Will be:

1. Infrastructure - We must continue to be proactive with replacing older ground infrastructure. We will use the funding that is available through the passage of the penny tax and pursue other grants to ensure needed improvements are made.
2. Collaboration - We must continue to collaborate with other municipalities and our county council to seek out opportunities and improvements for the Town of Blackville. It's very important that we form partnerships to increase availability and opportunity for funding to help with projects and seek out new ideas to improve the quality of life for Town of Blackville and the county. The Town Council encourages input from our citizens, partners, elected official representatives, businesses and anyone that would like to see our town grow and move forward. Our council encourages you to be involved with our young people, so that positive influences will encourage positive outcomes.
3. Code Enforcement – The Council has hired a code enforcement officer. In 2019 code enforcement will be implemented. A meeting will be set for the community to attend to learn about what the enforcement process will be like.

Buildings, properties and other issues will be addressed.

4. Two immediate projects beginning in January. One, the old middle school building well be demolished, and a water infrastructure project will take place in the JDA Community.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your support. We are making strides and we will continue to work hard to increase our stride to a more sound infrastructure system, collaboration with our neighboring municipalities, the county to achieve a safe and productive community. The Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and pray that you and yours will have a productive and prosperous 2019.

Mike Beasley, Mayor
Stephen L. Jowers, Mayor Pro-Tem
Vivian T. Alston, Councilwoman
Martha A. Pernell, Councilwoman
Kelvin Isaac, Councilman
Allen Harrison, Councilman
Frederick B. Orr, Councilman

PUBLIC HEARING

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2019

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 -5:30 PM

BARNWELL COUNTY AGRICULTURE BUILDING

DISCUSSIONS ON HOUSING, PUBLIC SAFETY,
INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD
REVITALIZATION AND OBSTACLES TO ECONOMIC
COMPETITIVENESS

OTHER COUNTRIES BEING SERVED BAMBERG,
ORANGEBURG, AIKEN, ALLENDALE AND CALHOUN
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL **EMORY LANGSTON**,
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEETINGS

- ❖ January 3, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- ❖ January 7, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, Solomon Blatt Avenue, 7:00pm
- ❖ January 14, BHHS District #19, Board of Education Office, TBA
- ❖ January 8, Barnwell County Council, SCA Building, 6:00pm
- ❖ January 8, Neighborhood Watch, Community Center, 7:00pm
- ❖ January 22, Town Council, Council Chambers, 6:30pm (Tuesday)
- ❖ January 28, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm
- ❖ January 24, 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, Felicia Holman Williams
January 5, John Profit
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 22, Evelyn Coker
January 26, Leon Kears
January 30, Kary Taylor-Dowling
January 31, Solomon Daniels, Jr.

LIBRARY NEWS

Call Miss Ruthie 803 284-2295

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan 1-3: Winter Holidays
Jan 4: School Reopens
Jan 14: 90th Day of School
Jan 15; Report Cards Issued
Jan 21: (NO SCHOOL)

"SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY"

"Together Sisters"

January 21, 2019 – 12noon

Community Center

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

TOWN HALL CLOSED
January 21, 2019

Golden Retreat Senior Center

Topic – Fall Prevention

January 15, 2019 - 10:00am

Sponsored by "Daniel's Pharmacy"

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